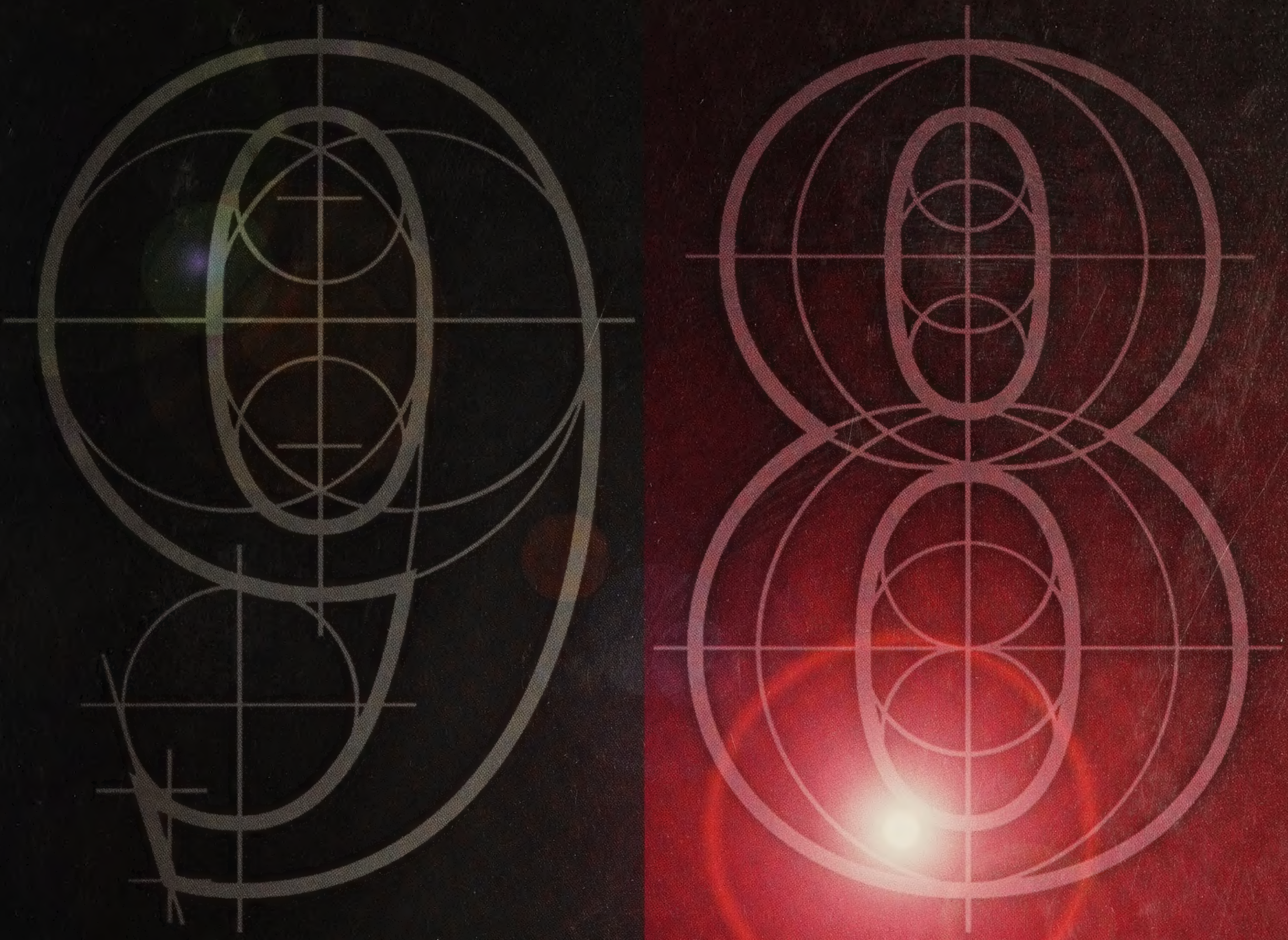

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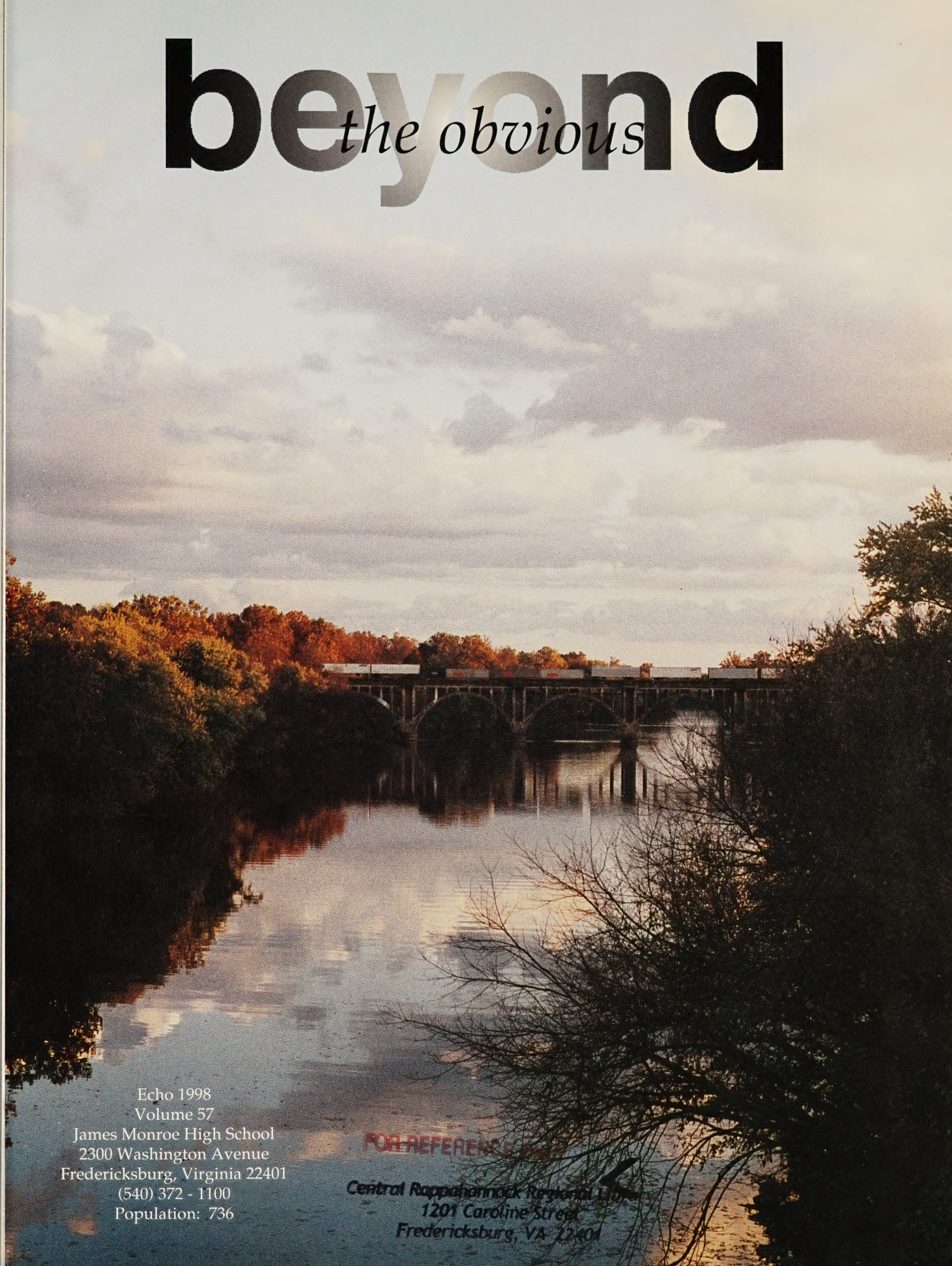

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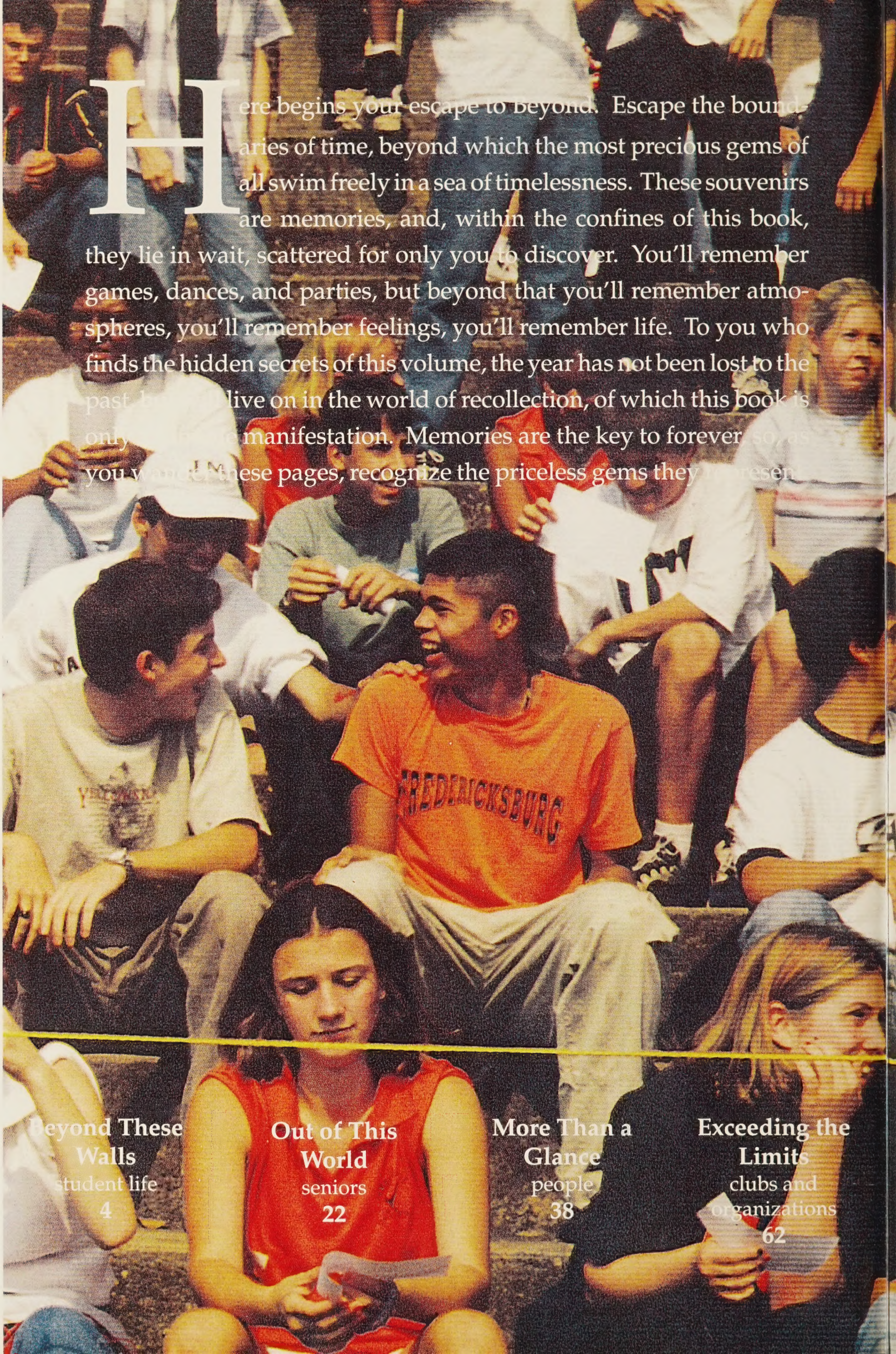

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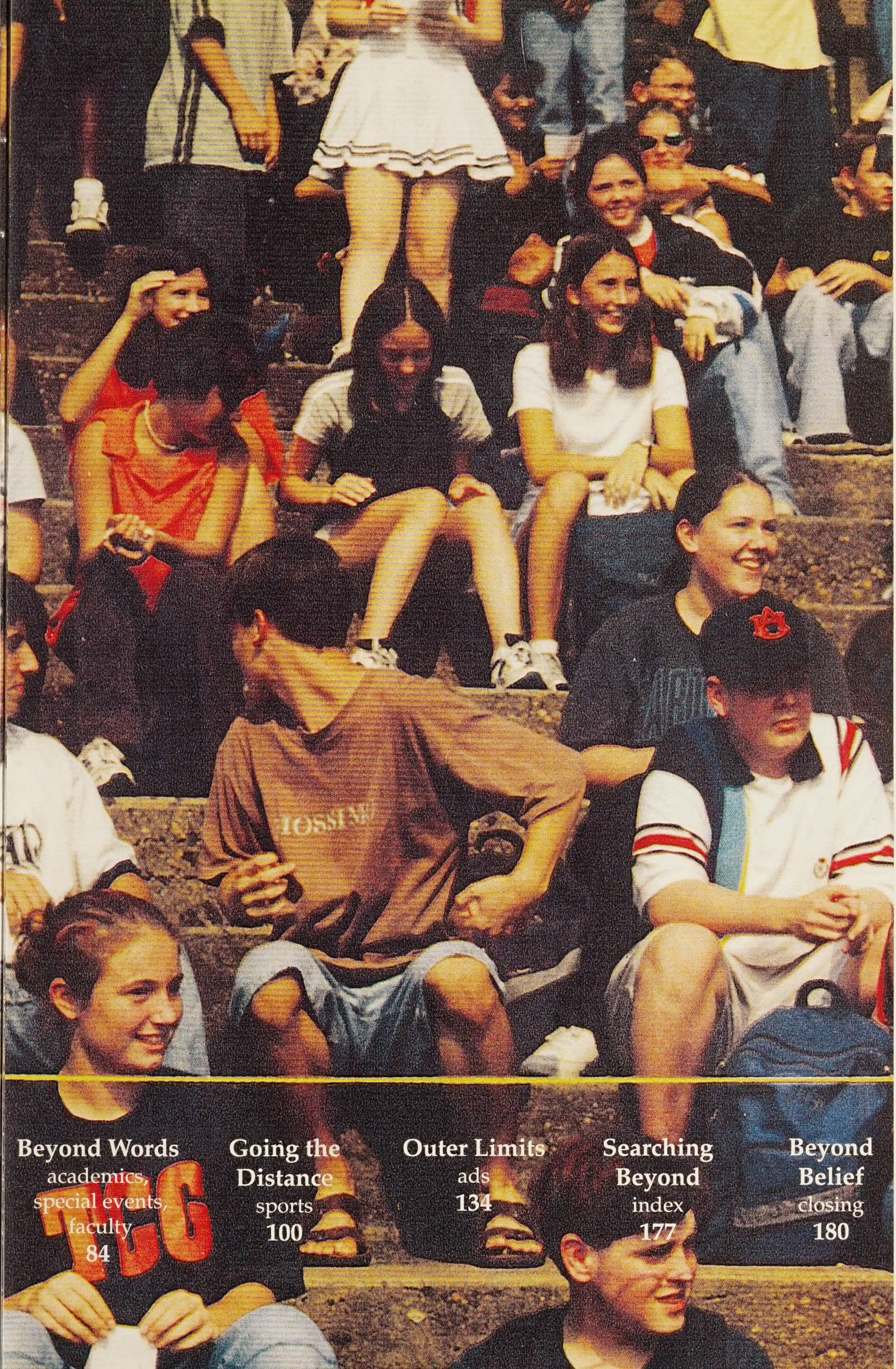

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Beyond These Walls

Though we, as students, are most often associated with our school, we all have lives that extend far beyond the boundaries of the school building itself, past our traditional, expected roles. Students at James Monroe may be seen working almost constantly in classes, but at 3:07 p.m. every weekday afternoon, another life begins. We go to play sports, to work, or to meander through downtown Fredericksburg. JM students have rich and intricate social lives that surpass the school, yet encompass it as well, in that the school binds us together as a community. We rally in Maury Stadium to watch football games, find each other in restaurants that serve as traditional student hangouts, study together, work together, and simply are together. We have our own distinct and cherished lifestyle, made up of our friends and hobbies, but we always end up coming together both within and beyond these walls.

Suited in keen costumes representing their Latin club, Chien Cheng, a wealthy Roman Patrician, Mike Love, a heroic gladiator, and Sarah Jacob, the sacrificial Louisa Lion, prepare for their pending march on Maury. The Latin float, upon which they performed, won first in the competition.

Smiles of these over-friendly James Monroe Peer Mediators are explanation as to their having been chosen for their positions. Here, Stanley Brooks, Dwayne Long, Bernie Newton, Rosa Batalla, Marta Johnson, Marjorie Garcia, Juanita Pitchford, and Jyna Roots feast in satisfaction at the District Peer Mediation Conference, which they hosted.

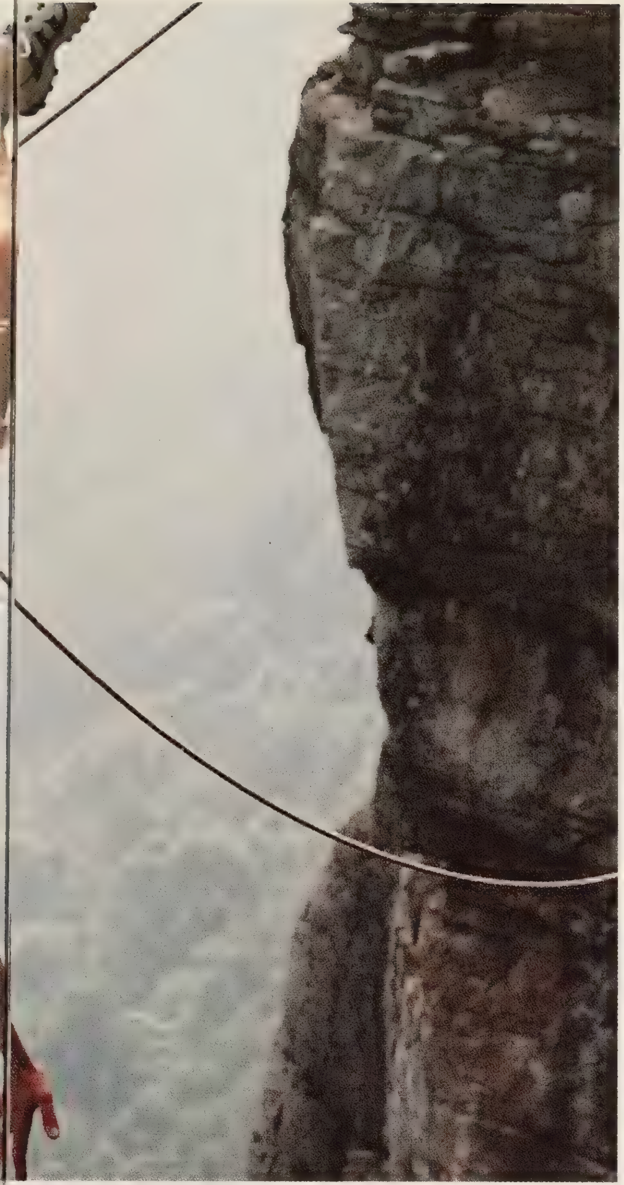
Sarah Anderson raises another joy-provoking package of M&M's in the midst of her yearlong happiness brought about by her simply finding four grey candies. These "imposter" M&M's were the key to Sarah's winning a year's supply of the delectable delights. She and her friends alike have benefited from her good luck.

Hanging Out

From the streets of Fredericksburg to the far corners of the globe, James Monroe students spent the summer of 1997 in countless ways. Travel was, as always, a favorite, with students traveling all over the United States, to Europe, and the Carribean, among other places. If you were a James Monroe student in the summer of 1997, you might have been locked in a cattle car on a train from Barcelona like Katharine Micks, or seeing the Alaskan rain forest like Stephanie Bellotti. Perhaps, like Katrina Cannon, you rode a camel in Jericho, or, like Chris MacLean-Everhart and Ryan Beverly, you went on a road trip from Fredericksburg to Alabama, stopping at beaches and earning speeding tickets along the way. Maybe, like Erica Samuel, Richard Parker, and other JM students, you visited famous civil rights locations in Georgia and Alabama. It's even possible that, like Jessica Cline, you played on a softball team in Germany. Or, like many JMers, you quite possibly may have gone to one of the state language academies to improve your foreign language skills, stayed at one of the many different summer camps visited by our students, or more likely still, you spent a lot of time at home, the pool, at a job, doing volunteer work, or, just hanging out.

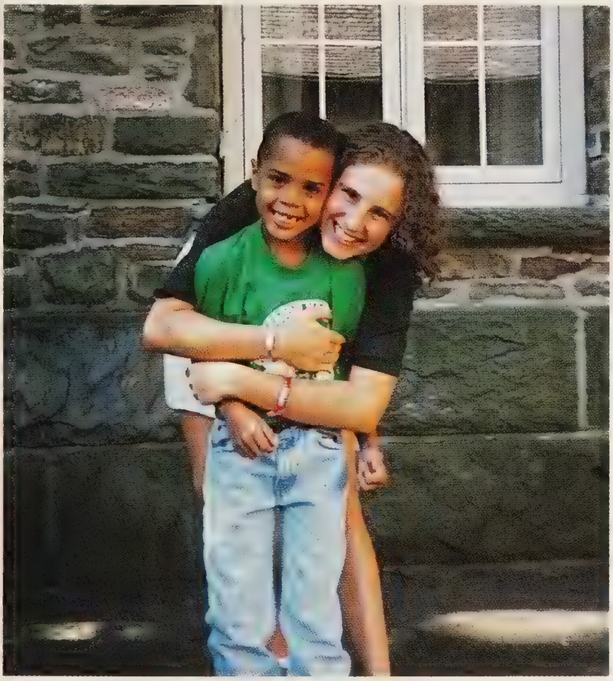
Katrina Cannon, spending her second summer in Israel, prepares for a thrilling, high speed camel ride in the city of Jericho, Israel, much to the amusement of the camel.

Stephanie Bellotti went on a cruise around Alaska this summer and was able to go white-water rafting in the Mendenhall glacier just above Juneau, in southwest Alaska.



Katie Evans enjoys the view at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes summer camp in West Virginia. Camps were quite popular among JM students this summer, however, few had the privilege of the pure relaxation of hanging hundreds of feet off the ground from a rock face.

James Gibbs and his friend Bo Berry clown around in front of the Louvre, in Paris. The pyramid behind them is actually the entrance to the museum, which is the home of the world renowned *Mona Lisa*.



From April until June of 1997, attendees of the Renaissance Faire got a special treat: the chance to meet "Able Mabel Weatherburne." This spirited lass (known as Georgina Figliola) was an actor and the assistant potbellied-pig keeper in this year's faire. Able Mabel's favorite food at the fair was, of course, "dragon eggs."

"Summer means having fun, playing basketball, shopping lots, and staying away from school."
-Jeremy Deane

While some vacationed and took time off, Kendra Lewis spent her summer working for a charitable cause. Here she embraces one of the many children with whom she worked at a summer camp for terminally ill children in the Hudson Valley of New York.

Fur and Feathers

Students Find Friends Among Creatures Great and Small

A kindred spirit to Dr. Doolittle, Sean Jones exhibits his cockateel and chinchilla. Sean, who also owns a ferret, spends a lot of time with his pets.

Most people who own pets have a funny story to share. Mrs. Tremblay's cat hung onto the bottom of her car for a five hour trip and emerged unscathed. Jason LoVerdi's dog came into his kitchen one day with a snapping turtle clinging to its tail. When it failed to listen to reason, Jason had to beat the turtle off with a baseball bat.

The inhabitants of Twin Lakes have the rare opportunity to witness the phenomenon in devotion that is Elliot Gardner's "Kitty." Kitty, Elliot's faithful feline friend, may be Fredericksburg's leading cat navigator and is definitely one of the most thoughtful and caring of all purring pets. Every day she escorts Elliot to the bus stop, and, when the bus returns in the afternoon, the drivers arrested by its swinging stop sign, if they are observant enough, are amazed to see Kitty waiting for her companion, Elliot, to descend from the huge yellow form and accompany her home again.

In other cases, it is the pets themselves that are unusual, and some of them are shown on these pages as the strange and exotic causes for joy that they are.

Terah Kelly, aboard her horse Shiloh, prepares to compete in a horse show. Terah, who has been horseback riding for eight years, bought Shiloh with her own money three years ago.

Mike and Jeff Barrett cuddle their black lab, Lady, in the last picture ever taken of her. Less than 24 hours after this moment, Lady was officially pronounced dead. Lady, R.I.P. 1982 - 1997. Before her debilitating health problems, Lady could perform feats of canine athleticism. Lady's full and eventual ten-year stay with the Barretts made many wonderful memories.

Kristin Pritchett showed her school spirit at the Homecoming pep rally by dressing up her dog, Lucy, as a Jayem Jacket. Lucy looked so good that Kristin plans to enter her in the Westminster dog show next year.

A Sprinkling of Spirit

The Tuesday of Spirit Week has traditionally been Twin Day, and juniors Allyson Hilliard and Destiny Hill team up once again. Allyson says, "We may not be identical twins, but we think just alike." They did not even have to shop for their outfits; they already had the same clothes.

Ms. Miller and Mr. Williams can have their pie and eat it too. Katrina Cannon, taking advantage of the power of a pie in her hands, smears Ms. Miller in the face as Mr. Williams grimaces. He can relate to the feeling of cool whipped cream on his face.

Ahh, Spirit Week... the most exciting week of the year. The halls buzzed with energy radiating from students who eagerly anticipated the weekend ahead. The week began with a new theme: Roll Out of Bed Day, which was quite a success, shown by a great variety of animal slippers 'spotted' in the halls. Bernie Newton summarized the views of most students: "I wish that the school could have Roll Out of Bed Day more often because of the comfort and relaxation of it all." When Tuesday rolled around, the popularity of Twin Day was evident by the number of pairs or triplets dressed identically. Although some people didn't get their outfits perfectly coordinated, most jumped at the chance to show their school spirit. Wednesday was Flashback/Impersonation Day, giving many the opportunity to raid their attics and nearby thrift stores to put together enough polyester to clothe themselves. The most notable impersonation was senior Jay Starling, masquerading as Mr. Thomas; we are sure Mr. Thomas was flattered. From pigtails to orange and black beehives, many students showed their creativity and individuality through their locks on Thursday, Crazy Hair Day. Most students wore ensembles that consisted almost enirely of orange and black on Friday. The sea of orange and black students flowing to Maury during the parade demonstrated the enthusiasm of the James Monroe students and faculty, culminating the most successful Spirit Week ever.

In his last year, Chris Murphy catches the Spirit Week wave as he rides back into the 1970's. Chris wishes more people would have participated in Spirit Week, but that did not stop him from going all out.

SENIORS FLY

The fans at the homecoming pep rally at Maury stadium were animated and... wet. The senior class plotted to surprise the underclassmen with a little refreshment when the senior class float stopped on the field for all to admire. Many underclassmen were sorry that they sat so close to the field.

El Club de Español

Stephanie Brooks, Hillary Hartman, Adam Lowry, James Dreiss, and Matthew Parker carry the Spanish Club's banner in the Homecoming Parade with pride as Ms. Burch drives the Spanish Club float. Representing JM's largest club is a great responsibility in the parade, which provides high visibility for clubs and organizations and means the end of Spirit Week.

Lorie Coker, Rebekah Eller, Alice Moss, Courtney Morgan, and Anna Karnas "spice up" the halls on Flashback/Impersonation Day. These girls will tell you what they want even when they are not imitating the Spice Girls, one of the most famous pop groups of the 90's.

Homecoming '97

"BOUNCING Around the Room"

JACKETS
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The weather couldn't have been much better. Although this helped, Spirit Week well served its preparatory purpose, and, as we marched up Washington Avenue for the second consecutive year, proudly bearing our school's orange and black, the excitement and anxiety about the next two days was visible in the countenance of each student. The Pep Rally held at Maury Stadium, Jayem's temple to sport, ran as smoothly as whipped cream. The band's noted improvement was showcased, as were the many floats and, of course, the Royalty. The night's football game, attended by all, ended in a victory over Louisa, as predicted, but no one could have expected the effort that our Men in Black made in scoring each of their sixty five points.

The first night had gone well. On the second, we were fully prepared to "Bounce Around the Room", as our demanding theme dictated. The Homecoming Court was ceremoniously paraded about the gymnasium as they had been at the stadium the previous evening and we all hailed the Prince and Princess, Richard Smith and Sarah Chinn, and bowed to the King and Queen, Reggie Hankerson and Carter Corbin. We danced to a beat of our own creation with our dates, friends, and strangers as the night unfolded before us. As a body we left the dance extremely tired but altogether satisfied. Although we would have preferred had the dance never ended, we took in deep breaths before leaving another Homecoming behind, and bathed in the gentle light of a moon that was almost full, and waxing steadily.

Jonathan Vasquez and Kevin McLaughlin harmoniously play as the band lines up along the field at halftime. This routine won them three first place prizes at the Spotsylvania High School band competition.

Rob Deaderick and Sarah Chinn share a smile after Sarah is crowned homecoming princess. Although being a princess may be new to her, she is a veteran lady of the court.

Shannon Wallace evades the reach of four Louisa players as he rushes down the field on his first carry, which went for 85 yards. Throughout the game, Wallace was able to make six touchdowns adding up to half the team's total score.

On each other's shoulders again, the James Monroe cheerleaders go through immense trouble to display their banner of encouragement to the football team, and while the night started without a viable bang, it can surely be said that it started with a tear.

GO Homecoming 4/ Beat
#1 JAYEM's Louisa

Having been introduced for the final time, King Reggie Hankerson and Queen Carter Corbin accept the opening dance warmly. Their smiles indicate that the night is still young.

Freshmen Court representatives, Bianca Johnson and Solomon Zacchini embark on their trek to Maury Stadium. Although a newcomer to Homecoming aristocracy, Bianca has the royal wave down pat.

Towering in a thoughtful stance above Washington Avenue, Hugh Mercer, an apothecary and general in the American Revolution, seems to have been frozen and held fast by the beauty of Autumn that Fredericksburg flaunts yearly.

Not many are sure about the year Fredericksburg was founded. It is simply a product of the recognition of the potential of our beloved Rappahannock. Perhaps by chance our city has been occupied and frequented by important people, but it is believed that there is a certain beauty in the area that the city embodies. This is what always drew people, what draws them now, and what instills a profound appreciation of Fredericksburg in its inhabitants. The date of founding is unimportant, as are other specifics. Fredericksburg is simply an old city by a river that has shaped our lives.

The city is built around a core of ancient buildings, known as the historic district. Running through this sector is Caroline Street, the city's social centerpiece. A grouping of shops, restaurants, and landmarks make the street essential to the atmosphere, which is valued by all who know it. We've grown accustomed to the quaint, unchanging quality of these familiar streets, which are sur keen for a scenic walk. Businesses such as the Blue Dog, Hyperion, Spanky's, Sammy T's, and Goolricks have all added to the richness of our 'burg's flavor. For us, these are the essence of Fredericksburg.

Then there are those parts of Fredericksburg that are not historic, but are of just as great importance to James Monroe students. There are scattered around the school and hold other places and things which we treasure. Examples are found in places such as Old Mill Park, where many grew up and experienced many wins and losses in Parks and Recreation Athletics, Kenmore Park, Alum Springs, and finally the plot of grass dividing

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Taking a short break from their demanding city lives, Ian Hise and Becki O'Donnell enjoy a favorite passage from Dr. Seuss' Fox in Socks at a local coffee shop, the Hyperion, on the corner of William and Princess Anne Streets. The Hyperion is a relatively new addition to Fredericksburg's delightful ensamble that Jayem students are growing to love.

Looking to expand their collection of CD's with the help of the Blue Dog, Anne Arnold and Caroline Evans browse the shelves in the Rock & Roll section. The Blue Dog is, upon entering, a cultural experience in itself, and is precious to Caroline Street's offering to the 'Burg.

Fredericksburg:
The City Grows With Us

Although it no longer represents the commercial value around which our city was based, the Rappahannock is not at all lacking in beauty. Here, the Falmouth bridge poses over what is now a recreational outlet to those who appreciate nature and a gift to those who appreciate such an unrefined elegance.

Walking casually down Caroline Street, friends Kent Ingalls and Elvis Jiminez peruse the stores in an effort to begin their shopping early for the holiday season. The bare trees, stripped by the just growing cold, and their warm clothing suggest the time of year, which generally brings an influx of shoppers to town.

ROYAL HAWAIIAN

Considering Spanky's elaborate sandwich menu, Juanita Pitchford and Quionna Woolfolk are speechless, but, surprisingly, Destiny Hill has something to say. While the restaurant is appreciated for its delectable comestibles, Spanky's eccentric wall hangings are as much a component of its atmosphere as its food.

FREDERICKSBURG...

passing the test of time

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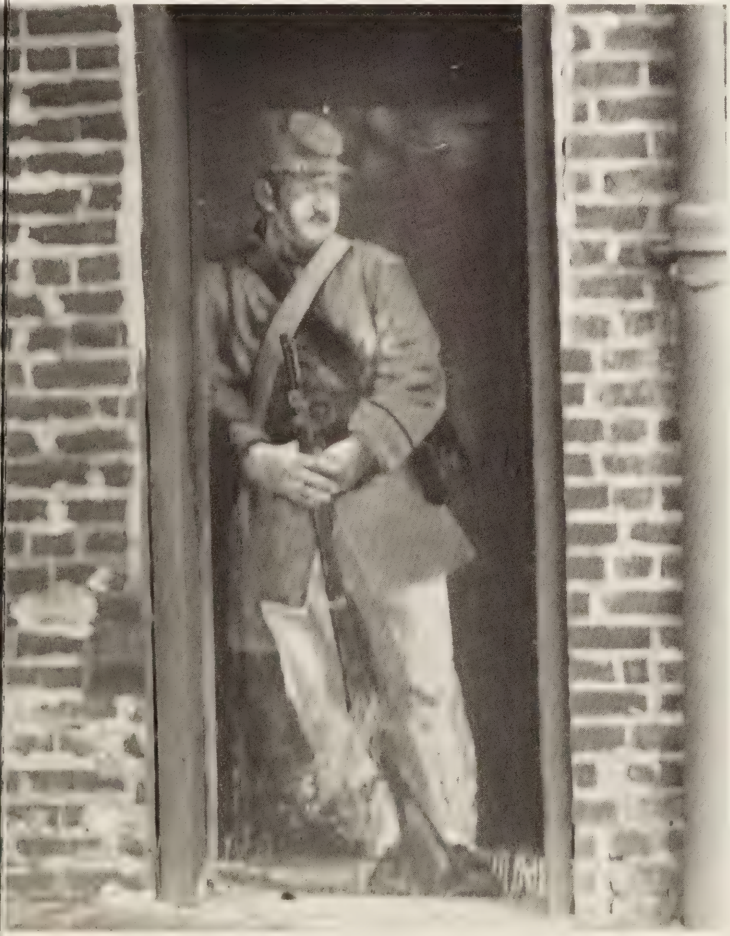
Washington Avenue, known as "the mall." Perhaps the most endearing, however, is our famed and beautiful river. Many citizens of Fredericksburg, both young and old, are inclined to swim in our Rappahannock during the warm summer months, especially at Sliding Rock. Here, the river offers rocks for sliding and jumping, and even subterranean tunnel navigation. Mother Nature can be kind.

Beyond the legal limits of Fredericksburg, the inevitable expansion of our home has made its own home and is rapidly surrounding our quaint little city. While Spotsylvania Mall may seem like yesterday's news, to those who are a bit older, the mall marks the beginning of Fredericksburg's expansion. Now, as the mall seems more and more commonplace, Central Park, a collection of large chain warehouses and eateries found on Route 3, has become the symbol of the area's recent development. These stores offer convenience, luxury, variety, and increasing accessability and also bring more people to our city. We must view this as a gain and a loss, realizing and accepting both. Change is a necessity, and, while it is ever-present in our minds, it cannot detract from Fredericksburg's enduring charm.

A familiar intersection to all, that of Kenmore Avenue and William Street, lies in the background of the well-used Maury basketball courts. These courts, adjacent to our weathered football stadium, are home to many teenage pick-up games year-round.



Creme Shakes Sundaes
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Carl's has become the literal Mecca of frozen custard. When it closes its window for the winter in November, thousands of citizens, deprived of their cherished gastronomic sacrament, wander Princess Anne Street, casting forlorn glances toward the temple of their stomachs. February, the Easter of Carl's followers, brings joy into our city limits once again.

In this lifelike depiction of a Confederate soldier found on lower George Street, Fredericksburg is reminded of its violent past in which the Civil War's Battle of Fredericksburg took place.

Looking Into Our DREAMS

Some words in the English language draw such a vague meaning to mind that elaboration is almost always necessary. One word is "dream." The meaning, as we discovered in the blank stares on the faces of students to whom we presented this word, is unclear. "Dreams," in the sense of aspirations, as well as those that greet us in nightly visitations, are highly valued entities. Daydreams, one may suspect, are given far less credence and are even considered a sign of an idle, lazy person - a misled interpretation arising from our society, which is completely lacking in appreciation of the intangible.

No one wants to admit to being so callous and unfeeling that they would denounce hopes for the future. Nor does the majority of students choose to openly rule out the possibility of meaning in dreams of the nightly genre. Although daydreams are not an issue that our opinion polls addressed, it seems to be a fair assumption that a higher percentage of students than teachers would show an appreciation for daydreaming.

Whether the dreams be aspirations, daydreams, or those that occupy our sleep, dreams have always been somewhat nebulous and abstract - we don't know just what to make of them; a perfect reason to explore.

Tim Gajewski charges into his future as an electrical engineer. He works to fulfill his dream by taking Technical Education, which has always interested him and will make it possible for him to rake in the big bucks.

Dream Interpretation

"Mrs. Savia sometimes interprets my dreams, and she's usually pretty right on," reveals Marta Johnson, between contorted hand gestures.

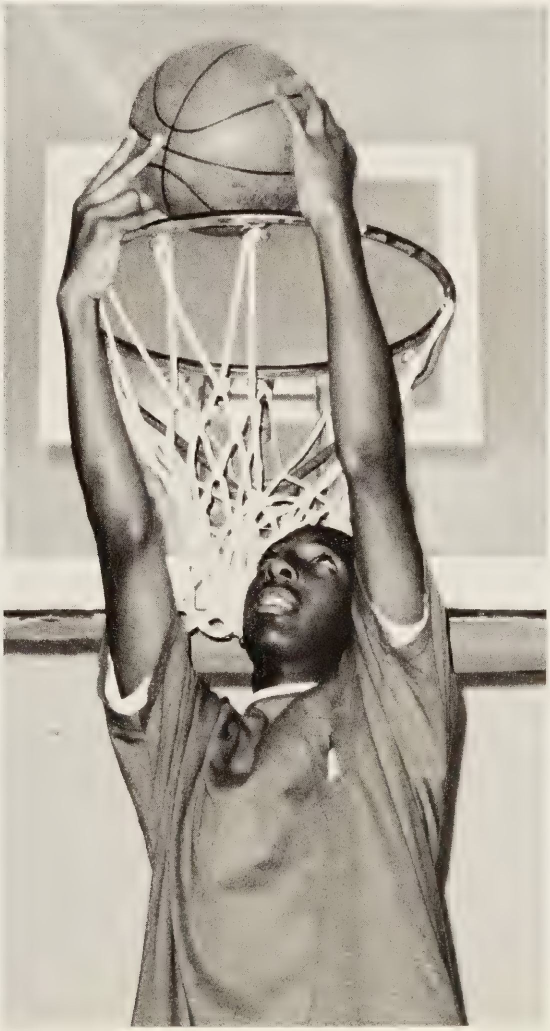
Armed with threatening, claw-like fingernails and a bold and menacing expression, Mrs. Savia is the teacher you'd guess interprets dreams.

The old stone wall on Hanover Street is as good a place as any - and now is as good a time as any - to escape with your dreams, as Monika Fritz does against this sturdy tree.

Although Faith Smith is all smiles, her dreams often fail to give her a reason to be happy. "When good things happen in my life they turn into nightmares later."

Mrs. Savia's talent for dream interpretation has earned her a faithful subscriber in Marta Johnson. Marta's dream-related stream of consciousness mingles with eerie streams of light that waver through the misty air as Mrs. Savia prepares her psychoanalysis.

Facts: 74% of students believe that dreams are connected to our lives. Only 26% believe that dreams don't have any association with our lives.



When freshman Kenny Cooper was asked about his aspirations, his immediate answer was simply, "I want to be a basketball player." For Magic Johnson, it once was also just a dream, but sometimes dreams come true....

Easter egg hunters, Charles Wood, Aida Andemariam, Daniel Wardlow, Amanda Loving, andMicheal Maniscalco, plunge for an assortment of treasured Easter eggs. Traditionally, on the last day before spring break, Mrs. Vandermade fills the eggs with jellybeans, and students of all ages gather in the library to celebrate this long awaited holiday.

"I had a really good time marching with the band in the parade. I feel a lot more confident performing in front of the student body this year . It is also really cool to know that everyone likes our 'new sound'," says Julie Gardner. This year the band proudly led the parade down Washington Avenue and into Maury Stadium. Last year the parade was rejuvinated after a ten year hiatus, and this tradition will hopefully continue long into the future.

Picture this...the year is 1955. The halls of the newly founded James Monroe High School are filled with spirited teenagers. There is going to be a big game against Stafford tonight - even more reason to show up at Maury Stadium on this cool Friday evening. Football players sport their jerseys, and the faculty dress in orange and black.

Over forty years later, many of these traditions remain. Our rivalry with Stafford High School intensifies year by year. As Mrs. Thomas, who attended JM in 1959, recalls, "The stadium was always packed when JM played the country boys from Stafford. The funny thing was that even if us girls wanted to date Stafford boys, we would not be caught dead doing it." She remembers how most athletic teams dressed as a group on game days, whether they wore their Sunday best or part of their uniform. Some things never change.

Seniors also take part in our traditions; in fact, they are often their founders. When parking in the student parking lot, you'd better not park in the front spaces: they're resrerved for the seniors. JM is also the only school in the area that performs a Senior Class Musical. For many, many years, seniors have taken thair class trip to NYC, another ongoing tradition.

Fortunately, many teachers and faculty members faithfully attend athletic events and sport orange and black nearly every Friday. Mr. Lontz blows his enormous orange horn and leads the SWARM at many events, and Mr. Carter acts as ringleader at all pep rallies. Whether it be building homecoming floats or yelling "tastes great, less filling" at pep rallies, everyone shows their devotion to our school through time-honored traditions.

"New York City, here we come!" For over forty years, James Monroe seniors have voyaged to the "Big Apple" on the traditional senior trip, an expedition that always pulls the senior class together. This picture commemorates the Class of 1957's trip to New York City.

Tackling Time

Years Define Traditions

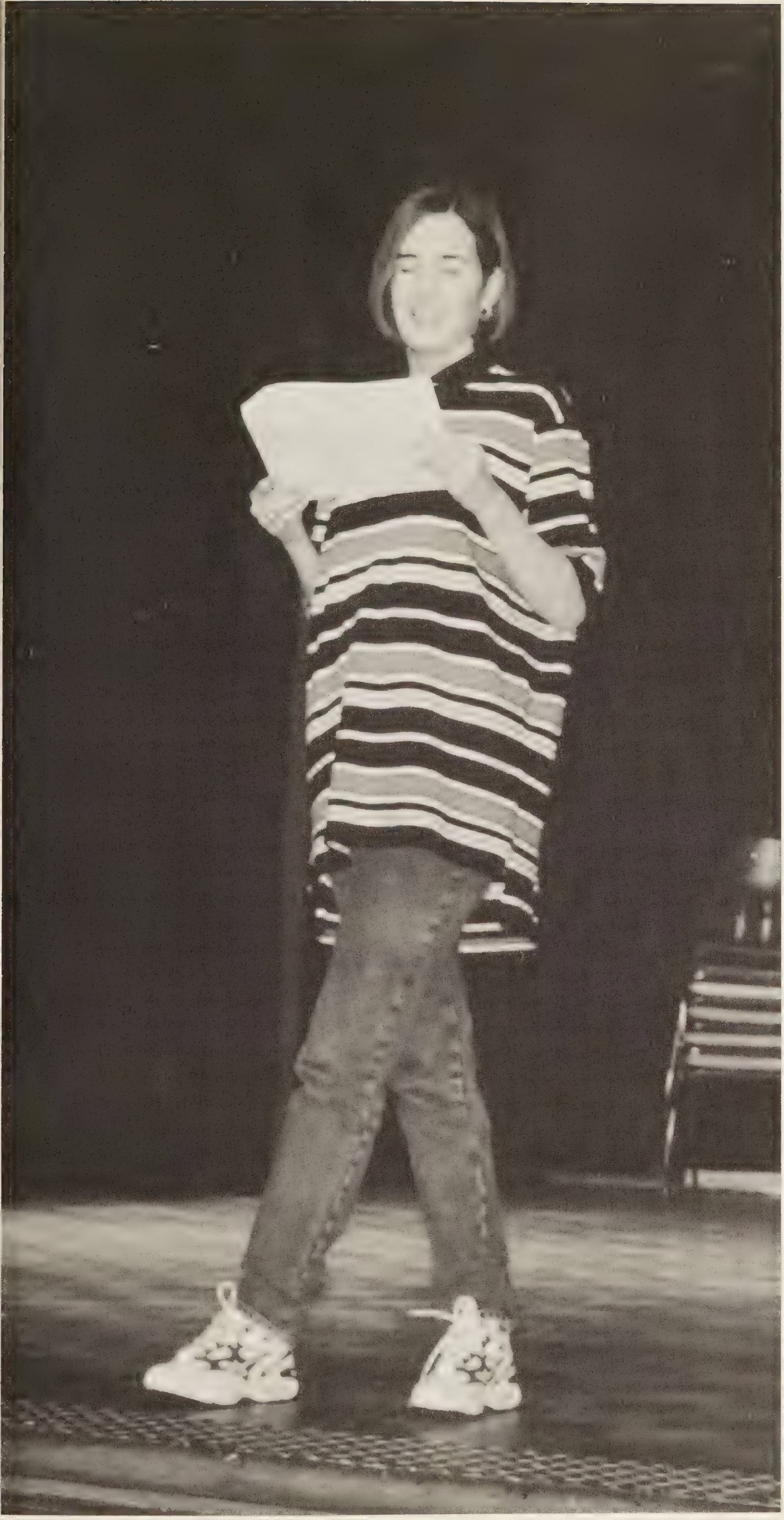
Steve Robinson cradles the ball as he takes a fierce tumble to the ground, having his shirt brutally ripped from his body. This extreme competition is common at the annual "mall ball" football game. Every year, juniors and seniors along with a few initiated sophomores fight it out to determine one class' superiority over the other. In this particular game, juniors captured a fulfilling victory over the chastised seniors scoring 12 and 10 points respectively.

Out of This World

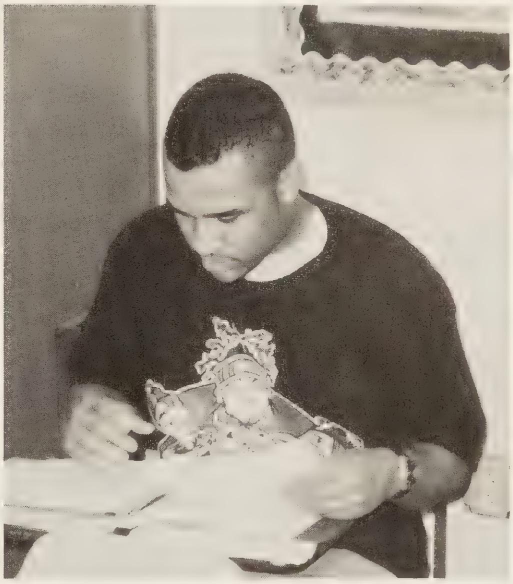
Senior year may well be the most played-up, epic year in our lives. The prevalent image of the senior year involves all the stereotypes: guys in love with both their cars and the cutest girl in the school, dominance over the underclassmen, our pride that comes from simply being seniors, and, above all, an overwhelming excitement and impatience to graduate.

There are many things that seniors can do before school, two of which, it seems, are legal. The first is to awaken late and get to school with wet hair and no time to spare. The second is to congregate with friends in groups that line the halls each morning like this one made up of Tammy Hayden, Lisa Ruding, Melissa Dougherty, and Buddy Chambers.

Don't misunderstand, there's a certain amount of all that going on this year, like any other, but those generalizations fail to capture the essence and significance of this year in our lives. This is our last year in high school. Man, they've been fun, haven't they? We've grown and come to know ourselves, or, in some cases, we've come to know that we don't quite know ourselves yet. High school was packed with revelation and misunderstanding, days we never wanted to end and sights we wished our eyes could see forever. The past won't suddenly vanish from existence as our graduation caps are thrown into the stuffy air of a crowded Dodd Auditorium in June. These experiences and emotions will live on in our minds and always be with us, but that doesn't mean we won't miss them. At some point, whether it be at a last sports game, at graduation, or at the sound of the school door as it shuts behind us for the last time, we will all come to realize that high school has ended and our most valuable treasures now are friends, memories, hopes, and dreams.



With legs crossed in either a brilliant theatrical movement or just plain terror, Summer Goodroe does her required reading at her senior play tryout as several equally frightened seniors await their turns to go.



Reggie Ellis searches through his notes for tests to review for his coming semester exams. For seniors, of course, these exams are very impotant and carry much weight because it is their last chance to send grades to college.

Matthew Corbin Agee

"I'd walk through Hell in a gasoline suit to keep playing baseball." -Pete Rose

Beth Barclay

"Popularity is kinda like tupperware, expensive plastic that's sold at parties." -Anonymous

Carlisha Antoinette Barnett

"If you fail to plan, you plan to fail." -Unknown

Michael Barrett

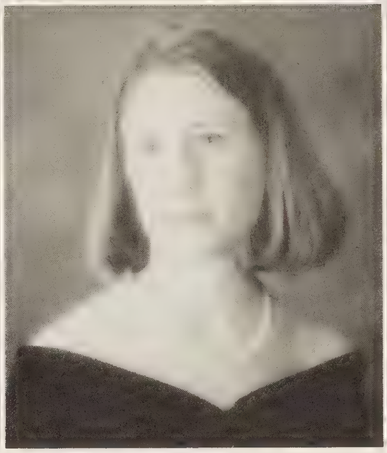
"So take Jah sun, and Jah moon, and Jah rain, and Jah stars, and forever, yes, erase your fantasy, yeah." -Bob Marley

Monica Bobadilla

"Like the morning sun you come, and like the wind you go" -Grateful Dead

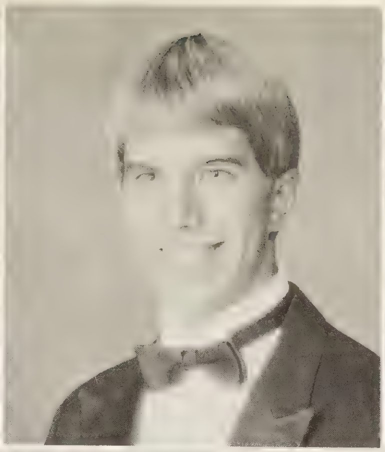
Prudence M.S. Bowman

"No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit." -Helen Keller



Presidential Potential

The difference in peoples' perception of success makes voting two peers "most likely to succeed" a somewhat vague matter. Still, it was without much uncertainty that the senior class chose Mike Love and Marta Johnson for the superlative relating to success. They may feel successful as batty old women, nomadic fishermen, or any obscure occupation, but whatever it is that makes them happy is surely what will make them successful, and, according to the prediction of their peers, that is what they will be. The personality traits of these two individuals are a testament to the differing views of success. Marta is known for her relaxed, informal attitude as much as for her brilliance, while her counterpart, Mike, is famous for his speedily delivered, on-the-spot tirades and other high strung antics, not to mention, of course, his intelligence. So, my friends, there's the link: brains. It seems a great compliment to be considered smart enough to do whatever it is that makes you happy.



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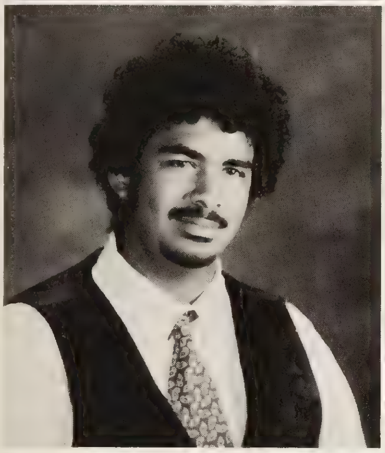
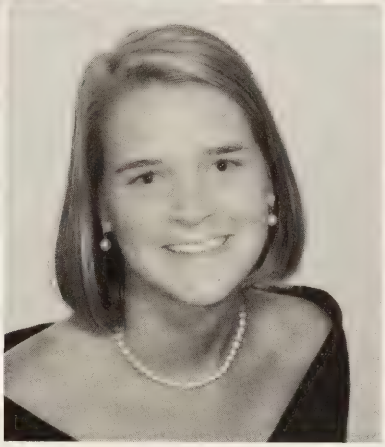
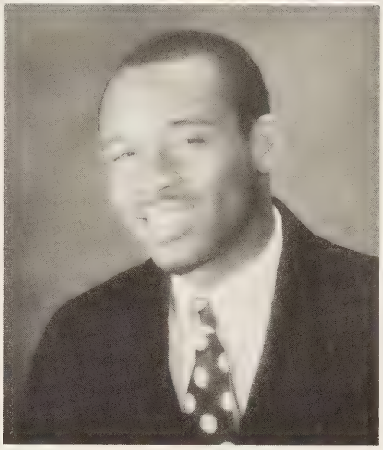






Michael Ryan Campbell
"Beat me 'till I'm black and blue and very nearly dead, and I can get back up and we can do it all over again." -The Refreshments

Amy Elizabeth Carter
"Youth is, after all, just a moment, but it is the moment, the spark that you always carry in your heart." -Raisa Gorbachev

Larry Catlett

Tight Clothes

Whether they're strutting confidently along the streets of Fredericksburg or through the halls of James Monroe with the added accessory of a bookbag, Jay Starling and Jenny Locklin are always well-dressed in stylish attire certain to turn heads. Jay campaigned for his superlative with a tie motif. Even if they're not seriously considering careers as fashion designers or models, Jenny, JM's Fashion Queen, and Jay, our Bow Tie King, are no duds when it comes to duds, compiling their wardrobes with a combination of fashion sense, taste, and originality. Not only are they stylish, but they're friendly people as well--at least friendly enough to put up with the deluge of requests for fashion tips with which their admiring classmates often bombard them. Jay and Jenny must go through the rigorous task each morning of sorting through their immense wardrobes to find just that perfect touch, be it a matching belt or that essential pair of... well, that's a secret.

What's Next?

After graduation there are many roads seniors may choose to take. Some of these roads may be the ones we've known for years here in Fredericksburg, whereas others will be longer, leading graduates to colleges far from home. DECA and FBLA members have been using school time to prepare students for their post-graduation insertion into the working world. Becca Scruggs and Amanda Rakes attend Nursing school during the day, and by graduation they will be qualified to work as nurses. Others may wish to go straight to work or travel and explore new places. Going into a branch of the service is another option students have to choose from. The maps they consult are within them, and the paths they will chose to follow into the open plain of the future will provide pretty views and hold happiness in store at each and every pit stop.

Some seniors face the strange responsibility of choosing their colleges and preparing applications with uncertain and inexperienced footing. The combination of this task's gravity and its foreign aspect gives it a gargantuan, insurmountable air that terrifies many of us first-time contenders. Worries such as creativity and depth in the essays, safety schools, and financial aid are almost more than can be handled at once. Nor is the resounding echo of adult voices constantly hounding them about the importantance of this decision helpful in easing their minds. Still, when acceptance letters come, anypast fears or expressions of anxiety are well worth it.

Undoubtedly we all will soon face, hopefully with great success, the "Real World."

Thomas Lobo plans on enlisting into the Navy, where his hope is to earn the heralded title of Navy Seal.

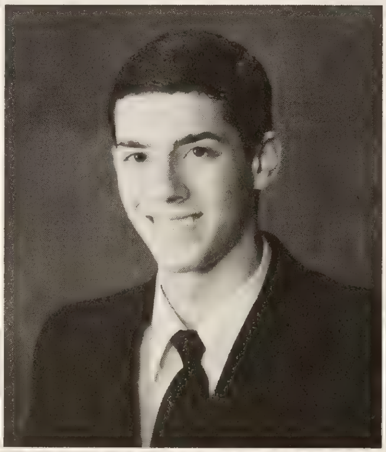
Janine Caudle

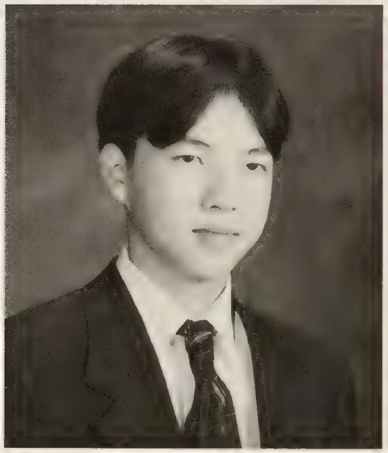
Buddy Chambers

"Though dreams can be deceiving, like faces are to hearts, they serve for sweet relieving, when fantasy and reality lie too far apart." -Fiona Apple

Chien Wan Cheng

"And some day these things may be pleasing to remember." -Vergil





Carter Corbin

"Don't compromise your life, it's all you got." -Janis Joplin

Jesse Ann Cowan

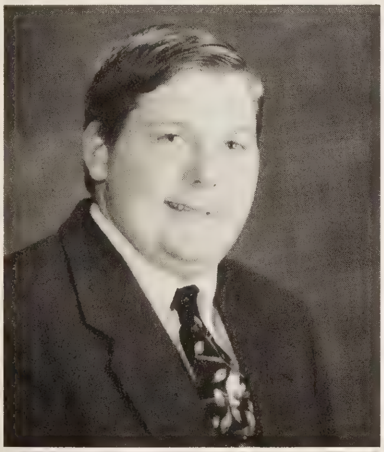
"If you don't live what you sing about, your mirror is gonna find out." -Ani DiFranco

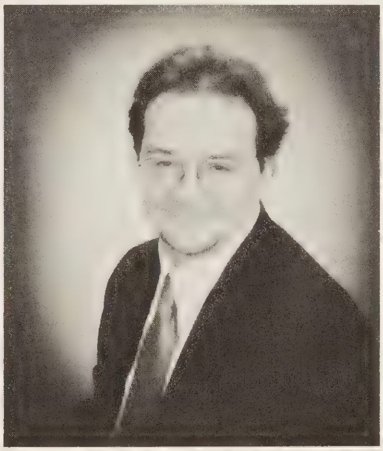
Tara Rosser Crickenberger

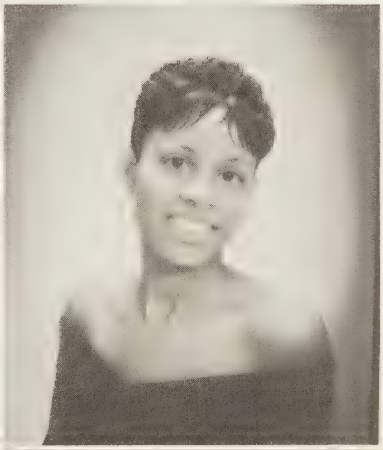
"Burn the sage and turn the page, I guess it's time to go on." -Unknown

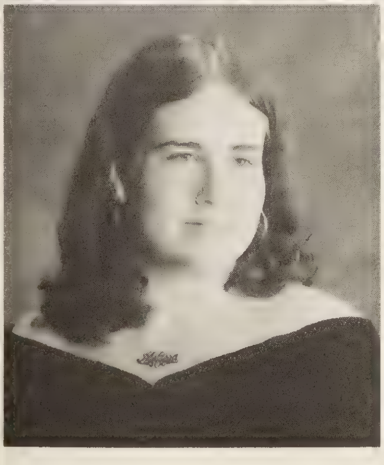
Rosalia Gosper is relieved to be handing off her college applications to Mrs. Hawthorne, for, after weeks of slaving over daunting college essays, she feels as though a weight has been lifted from her shoulders.

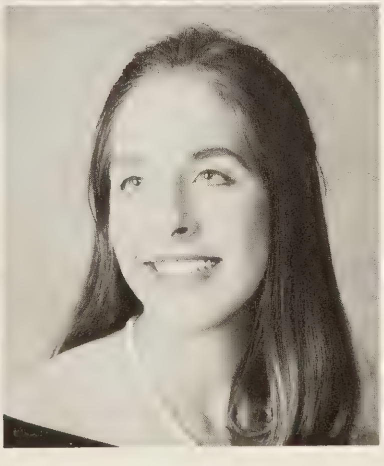
Brian O'Neal, although he may not appreciate it this second, is reaping the benefits of Amanda Rakes' nursing training, as many people will in the future. She and Becca Scruggs are enrolled in a regional nursing school at the Spotsylvania Vocational Center.

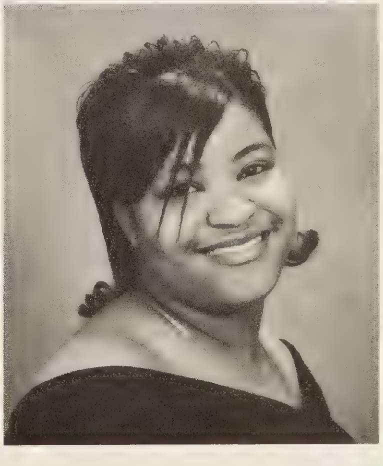












Jason Crooks

"Nothing in the world is new, except for the history we do not know." -Harry Truman

Christopher Cunniff

"Now the world is gone, I'm just one. Oh god help me..." -Metallica

Jaime Deane

Melissa Marie Dougherty

"Better by far you should forget and smile, than that you should remember and be sad." -Rosetti

Lauren Kelly Douglas

"We are the music makers, we are the dreamers of dreams...we are the movers and shakers of the world forever, it seems." -Arthur O'Shaughnessy

Kenyatta Nicole Ellis

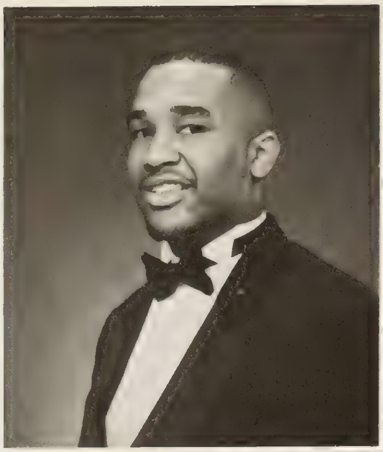
"I used to want the words 'She tried' on my tombstone, but now I want 'She did it!'" -Unknown

Reggie Ellis

Megan Elisabeth Epp

"I'm in love with...everything I've seen and heard and I will go singing...in time with the rhythm of everywhere I have been."
-Ani DiFranco

Gabriel Faunce



Georgina Rene Figliola

"Ay, sir, the privies be down yonder." -Elisa Pritchard

Monika Fritz

"If you inquire what the people are like here, I must answer, 'The same as everywhere'!" -Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Sarah Anne Fuller

"Get out the map and lay your finger anywhere down, we'll leave the figuring to those we pass on the way out of town."
-Indigo Girls

Jaime Elizabeth Garnett

"Remember in this game we call life that no one said it's fair."
-Axl Rose

Sommer Elise Goodroe

"Life is not a problem to be solved, but a gift to be enjoyed."
-Phil Burns

Rosalia Leto Gosper

"There is only one happiness in life, to love and be loved."
-George Sand

Stephanie Marie Gray

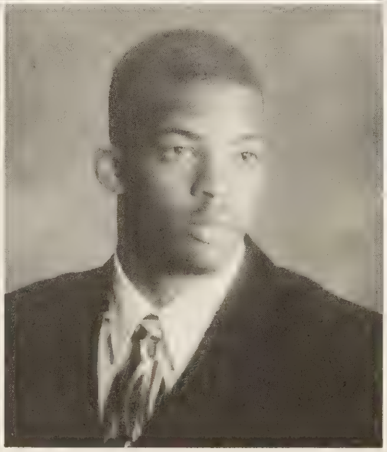
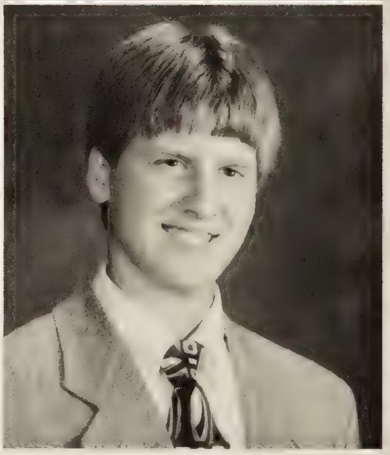
"I am the only vehicle that will get me down the road."
-Louise Corderman

Reginald Hankerson

"I know fear is an obstacle for some people, but it's an illusion to me." -Michael Jordan

Joseph Allen Harman, IV

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." -Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sittin' Around

With 16 seasons of varsity competition in four years between them, Larry Catlett and Katie Hicks have definitely been the biggest contributors to Jayem's athletic success from the class of '98. Larry is a star athlete on the football and basketball teams, and Katie dedicates her time to the girls' basketball, softball, and swim teams. Rumor has it that the local schools have specific hexes for Larry and Katie, and they are especially happy that we have not found a sport that would allow us to combine their respective talents and officially document the dominance of JM's dynamic duo. While these two are not playing or practing, they spend their free time being active spectators at other JM sporting events. Some people just cannot get enough of it.

The World Is a Canvas

We may not know what it is, but if it's made by Mike Barrett or Jess Palmieri, we're sure to like it. Their amazing ability allows them to create fine art at any given place or time, producing the many pen and pencil scetches that they're known to generate in class, much to the delight (or dismay) of their teachers. Both have worked long and hard to hone their talents, with Mike enrolled in Advanced Art and Painting and Jess taking AP Art and Painting. They are proof of the fact that artistic ability is hereditary: both of their parents are known in the area for expressing their abilities in different ways. Far ahead of their time, they have already attained a degree of fame through the school where their work is well-known. See you at the Louvre!

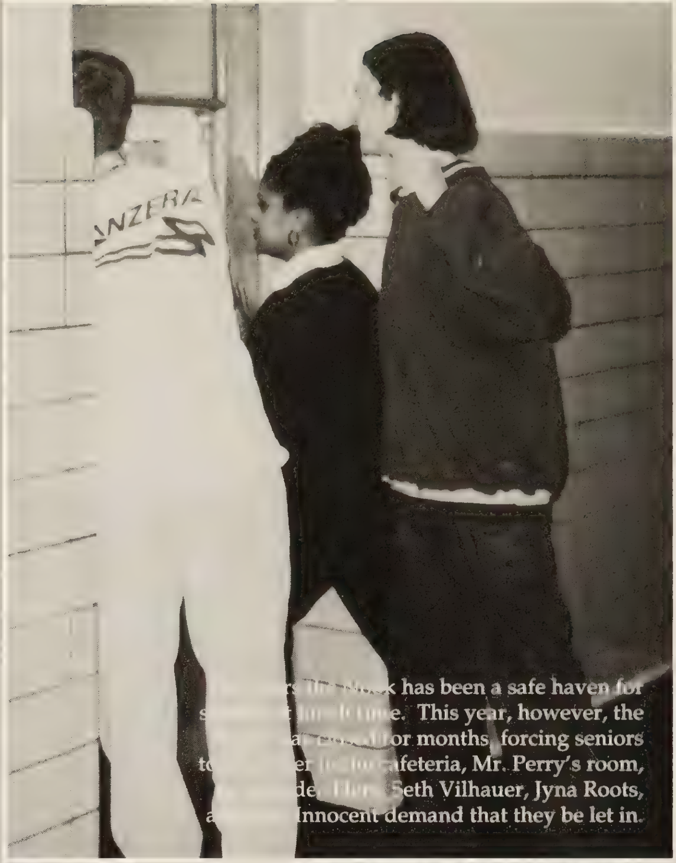
Bittersweet

While senior year of high school is filled with fun, amusement, and fond memories, it is also filled with the same monotony of underclass life. Seniors feel that their last year of high school has both advantages and disadvantages. The most obvious advantage is that seniors have some special privileges.

Many students commented on senior privileges, or lack thereof. Such things as leaving right after exams, having lockers in the main hallway, and parking in the first row were mentioned as principle senior privileges. The most popular privilege is second semester exam exemption if a senior has an 'A' in class, or a 'B' in a weighted class.

The seniors did not hesitate in thinking of the downsides of being the oldest in school. There is a great deal of pressure on students during their senior year coming from either college applications which must be sent out in a timely manner, or beginning the official job hunt. Also, everybody expects seniors to be totally grown up, yet, most seniors complain that they are not treated as adults.

But after all, the senior year of high school is long-anticipated and well worth the wait. Seniors must say goodbye to old friends and familiar surroundings and embrace many new opportunities and experiences as they venture into the "Real World."



[illegible] the Nook has been a safe haven for s[illegible] lunch time. This year, however, the [illegible] for months, forcing seniors to [illegible]er [illegible]afeteria, Mr. Perry's room, [illegible] Seth Vilhauer, Jyna Roots, a[illegible] Innocent demand that they be let in.

Tammie Ann Hayden
"Better that today shine on tomorrow, that will lead us to the future." -Lori M. Carlson

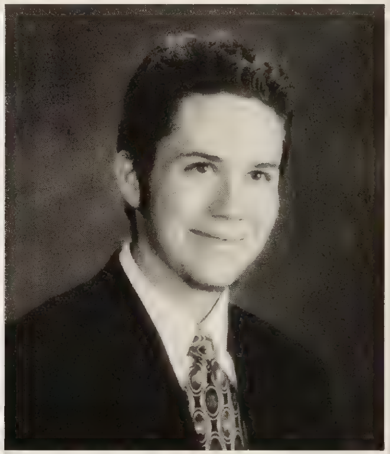
Anne Kathryn Hicks
"Don't even have pictures, just memories to hold that grow sweeter each season, as we slowly grow old." -T. W. S.

Ian Hise
"I wonder where I'll be in a year. I'll probably be sittin' right here. If you know the answer, don't tell me, 'cuz I don't wanna know." -The Refreshments

Mellisa Carol Humphrey
"Time goes, you say? Ah, no! Alas, Time stays, we go." -Austin Dobson

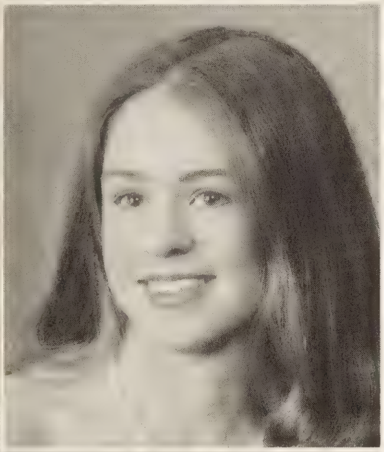
Jimmy Ibarra
"Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today." -Anonymous

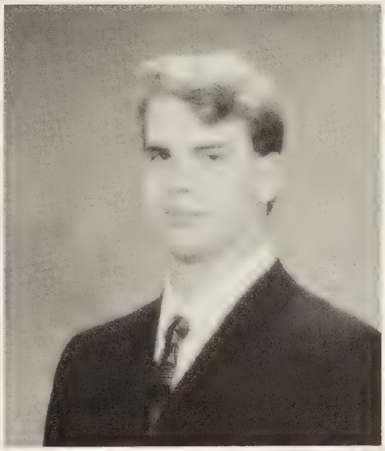
Erik Roland Innocent
"Oh well, what the hell." -Joseph Heller

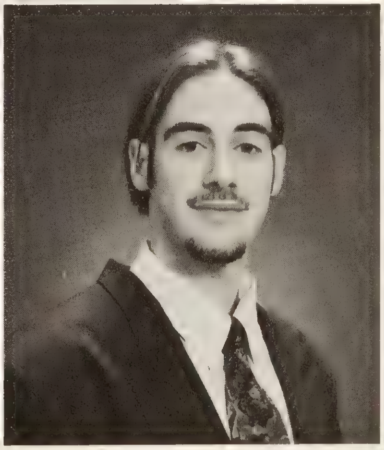


After a year of the burden of parking far away from the school, seniors are entitled to the luxury of parking in the front, "Senior Row." This allows seniors to actually leave their houses .425 seconds later than they would have to if they were forced to park elsewhere.

Jaime Deane, along with many other seniors, takes advantage of the privilege of eating outside. Enjoying the open air, she remenices about the years she spent eating in the loud, crowded cafeteria.







Sarah Anita Jacob

"Live, breathe, walk, survive, scream, climb, grind, invent, sweat. Don't forget to smell the daisies." -Unknown

Jesse John Jacobe

"Nothing is bigger than life. There is nothing noble in death."-Dalton Trumbo

Kristin Nicole Jefferson

"Why not go out on a limb? Isn't that where the fruit is?" -Frank Scully

Marta Sann Johnson

"If you believe in peace, act peacefully; if you believe in love, act lovingly; if you believe every which way, then act every which way." -Tom Robbins

Mary Ann Johnson

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody." -Bill Cosby

Greg Kasper

"If we don't take action now, we settle for nothing later. We'll settle for nothing now and we'll settle for nothing later." -R. A. M.

Tara Kelly

Alexander Lightfoot Lang

"What do the good know except what the bad teach them by their excesses?" -Clive Barker

Sandra Dee Langford

"Not all those who wander are lost." -Unknown

Jennifer Faye Locklin

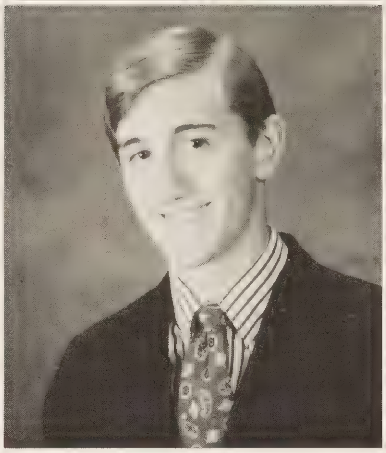
"Never let go of a dream until you're ready to wake up and make it happen." -Unknown

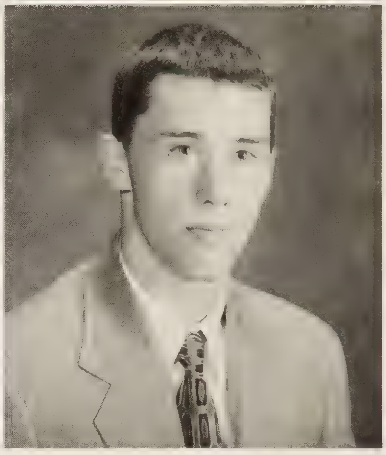
Michael M. Love

"Farewell to you and the youth I have spent with you. It was but yesterday we met in a dream." -Kahlil Gibran

Christopher D. Maddox

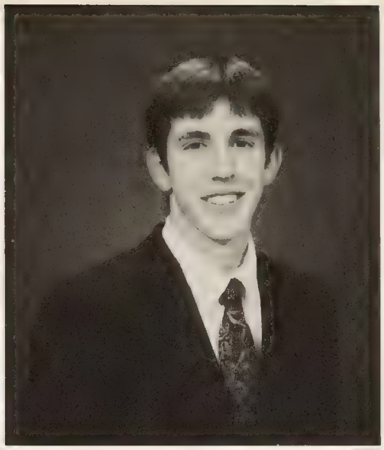
"There have been only two geniuses in the world: Willie Mays and Willie Shakespeare." -Mickey Mantle





Look...don't touch

Sarah Anne Fuller and John Moss have a natural talent for flirtation, instinct for attractiveness, and propensity for allurement. For many, flirting well (successfully or not) is a continual challenge, but these students' forte is just that. Though many seniors have experienced (or received fair warning of) the mysterious power which Sarah Anne and John possess, it's still hard to be around either of them without liking them. Their flirting talents are as secure as anyone's in this school. Sarah Anne's smile and entrancing giggle are two of the weapons she wields to draw attention to herself, and John's quick slickness, choice of cologne, and seductive eyes are his well-known secrets. Don't expect to see them in the personal ads any time soon.



LaToya Patricia Marshall

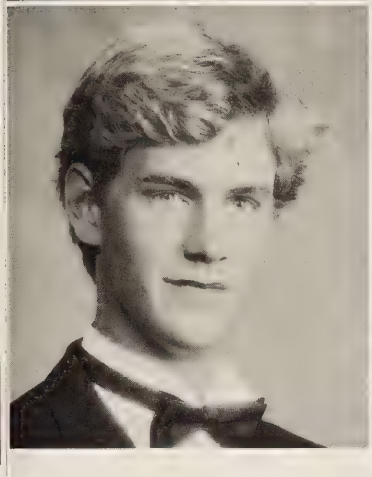
"There is no greater loan than a sympathetic ear." -Frank Tyger

Elizabeth Catesby Massey

"If there is no happy ending for today, write a new chapter called tomorrow." -Bonnie Altenhein

Jeff Morgan

"The greatest enemy in all the world is known as Ignorance." -Ben Johnson



John Simpson Moss, Jr.

"I am a child. I'll last a while. You can't concieve of the pleasure in my smile." -Neil Young

Christopher L. Murphy

"Knowledge is not what the pupil can remember, but what he cannot forget." -Unknown

Jamin Bryant O'Bannon

"Stand on hills of long forgotten yesterdays pass amongst your memories told returning ways...days pass as seconds turn the key the strength of the moment lies with you." -Yes

Die Hard Fans

Studies have shown that apathy among high-school students is at an all-time peak. Ask Matt Agee and Jaime Garnett if they care about this apathy and they'll answer with a resounding "No!", as they have been declared by the senior class to be the most spirited seniors of 1998. Supporting their school is of utmost importance to them, prompting their constant attendance at James Monroe athletic events, where it would be highly unusual not to see at least one of them. They appear at all the events they can and show their support in every possible way. The people sure to scream until both they and their neighboring fans have painfully ringing ears are Matt and Jaime alone. Their spirit is powerful enough to make up--and more--for those who don't really care.

Rebekah M. O'Donnell

"Flip a coin, what shall we talk about? Heads, I tell the truth, and tails, I lie." -The Refreshments

Heather Lyn Olsen

"One song leads to another, one friend to another friend, so I'll travel along with a friend and a song." -Wilford W. Gibson

Jessica Elise Palmieri

"I know I cannot pry aloose the clutching hand of Time, so I will turn all my thoughts and energies to the present." -Zora N. Hurston

Richard Parker

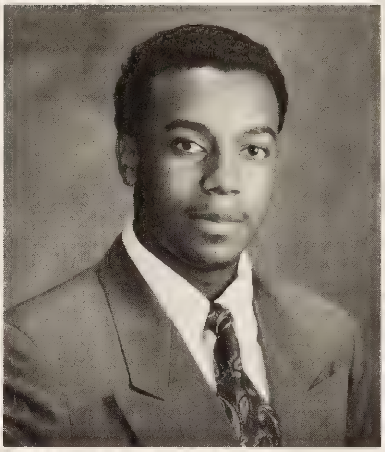
"If you don't sit back and evaluate and realize you had something special-- that edge-- then you've lost it." -Michael Jordan

Rob Pitchford

"Time will tell." -Robert Nesta "Bob" Marley

Dalontae De'Von Preston

"I have no game, it's just some females understand my story." -Nas



Amanda Blair Rakes

"Smile a lot. It costs nothing and is beyond price." *-H. H. Brown*

Stephen Mark Robinson, Jr.

"Life is hard, but it's even harder when you're stupid." -Richard Jewel

Jyna Roots

Lauren Elizabeth Ross

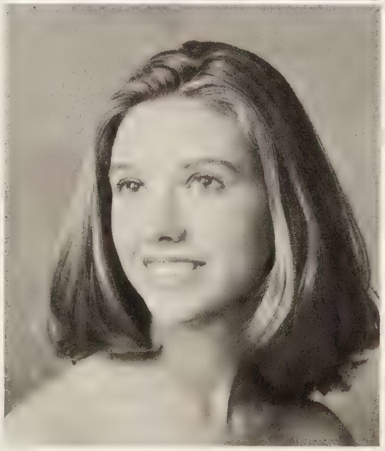
"Ride, ride the carousel and reach for the golden ring, never to end but to begin again, life is a circular thing."-Elaine Lynch

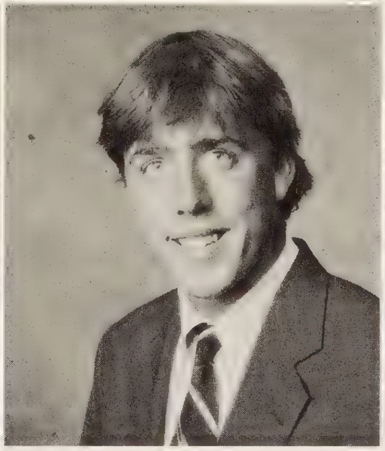
Lisa Ruding

"Good leaders are scarce, so I'm following mysef." -Ashleigh Briliant

Adam Alexander-Ralph Rycroft

"Hand in glove the Good People laugh. Yes, we may be hidden by rags, but we have something they'll never have." -The Smiths





Erica Denise Samuel

"A man that stands for nothing will fall for anything." -Unknown

Krestin Tonyia Sauger

"This is me, and that's my song...and I guess you could say we don't get along. I'm on a slow train." -Blind Melon

Justin Thomas Fife Snyder

"Remember the feeling as a child, when you woke up and morning smiled, it's time you felt like that again." -Taj Mahal

Dana Stallard

"If you don't challenge yourself, you won't succeed." -Unknown

John Lewis Starling, Jr.

"Hey, baby, it's your time now. Hey, baby, you made it somehow. Don't let nobody come and bring you down." -J.J. Cale

Mary Kathryn Summers

"The only mistakes in life are the risks you don't take." -Grumpy Old Men

Monika's Page

The James Monroe senior class is usually a cultured group, and this year's class is no exception. A healthy portion of culture has come directly from Memmingen, Germany in the form of one of our seniors, Monika Fritz. The school's only foreign exchange student this year, Monika arrived in the United States at the end of August and will stay until after graduation. Unfortunately for her, '98 isn't her senior year. Upon return to Germany, she will complete two more years of high school before heading off to college, thanks to the German school system.

Monika likes JM, but admits to generally preferring German schools, where the teachers change classrooms instead of the students, and students go home at 1:00 every afternoon. Also, breaks are distributed more evenly and different classes are held on different days.

However, Monika finds many things to like about America. Americans are much friendlier, she says, whereas the same level of friendliness in Germany "would scare people." And though Germans spend more time in intellectual debate, Americans generally are more open. Other things Monika prefers in America are the grading system and the entertainment industry, things seen as commonplace by the population here.

Monika wants to return to the States some day, and will possibly even visit Fredericksburg in two years. Until then, we wish her *auf wiedersehn* and give thanks for such an enlightening cultural experience.

[illegible] and Monika Fritz share a light and playful [illegible]. The two of them share many things, most notably their European heritage. Monica Bo[illegible] spent most of her childhood in Spain, Germany's almost neighbor.

Floss, brush, and rinse

The field of best smile is a fiercely comptetitive one in this year's senior class, with dozens of gorgeous and happy faces gracing the school's hallways. It seems that a growing number of students are taking a pro-smile stance, so smiles are in great supply. In small print on the back of Chris Robinson's tee-shirt, "Smile...pass it on," can be read. Happily enough, the message was seen to have the desired effect on many passers by. Two of our seniors, Elizabeth Zirkle and Steve Robinson, are said to have the "best" smiles of all. After years of braces for Elizabeth, her beautiful pearly-whites have emerged with unprecedented glory. And now, after enduring all of this exposition, feast your eyes on what all these words are about: their smiles.

Kimberly Anne Szymczak

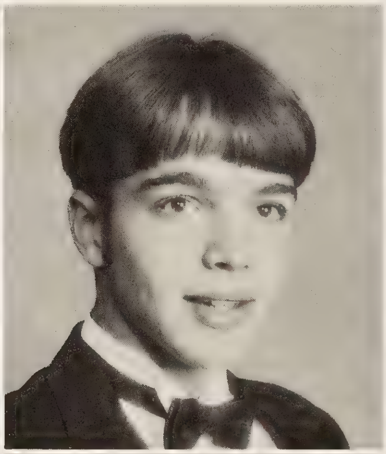
"The song has ended, but the melody lingers on." -Irving Berlin

Kyle A. Terry

"That we would do, we should do when we would; for this 'would' changes..."
-William Shakespeare

Juanita Tamela Thomas

"It is almost impossible to throw dirt on someone without getting a little on yourself." -Unknown

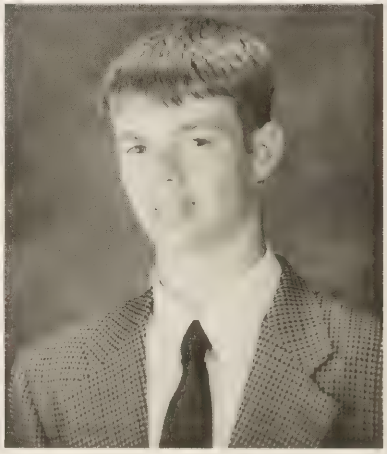


Tenika Natasha Turner

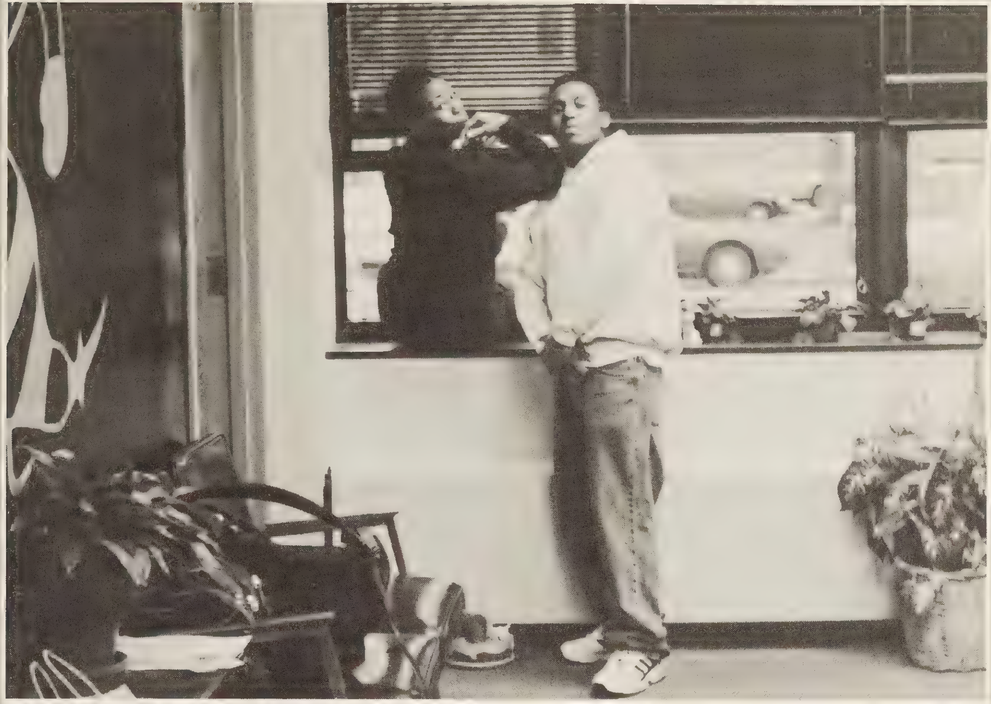
Kevin Van Lear

Sether Vilhauer

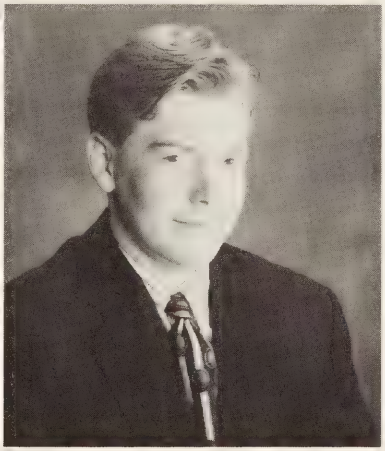
"No longer a slave to a memory...there's no future living in the past." -Blackhawk



Acting Out



Though many might not truly want the title of Class Clown, Rob Pitchford and Nikki Wollaston flaunt it with pride. Their particular brand of loud, impromptu humor has enriched the senior class, as Rob and Nikki have left an indelible mark on the class. Rob leads an immense brotherhood within which everyone is greeted with a loud and loving "Big Baby!" and a warm hug or handshake. Their blunt and forward manner with all makes them extremely lovable. When seniors laugh, it's most likely these people that make it happen. And although they're quite talented at causing laughter and otherwise creating large, public disturbances, by now they have mastered the ability to avoid disciplinary action as well, no matter what it takes.



Eunice Denise Washington
"You know very well who you are, don't let them hold you down, reach for the star,"
-Notorious B.I.G.

Patrick Carlton White
"Trading magic for fact, no trade backs...so this is what it's like being an adult." -Eddie Vedder

Nicole Wollaston
"We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have all ready done." -Longfellow

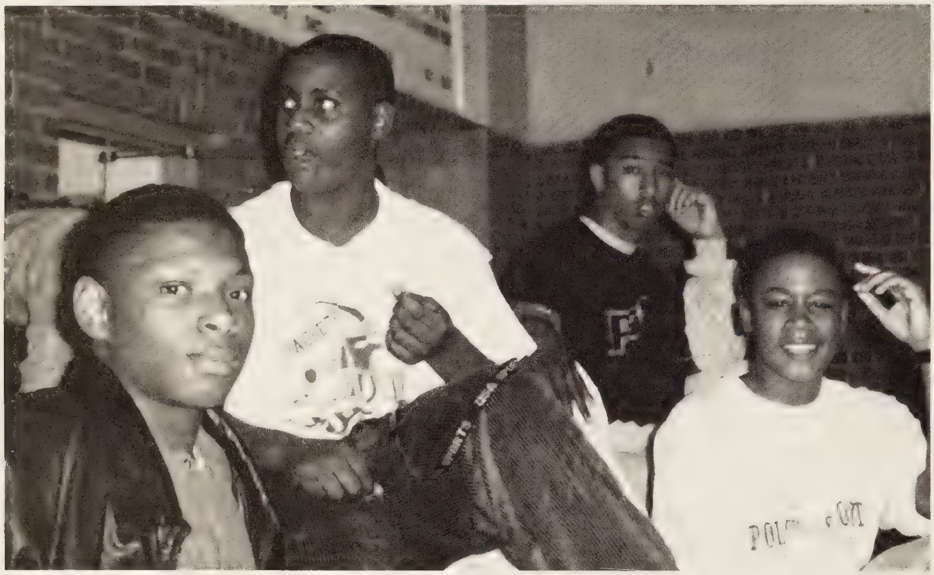
Julia Kortrella Woodfolk
"I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me."
-Phillipians 4:13

Kristin Jane Wright
"Always have something beautiful in sight, even if it's just a daisy in a jelly glass."
-Unknown

Elizabeth Fraser Zirkle
"Perfect happiness, even in memory, is not common."
-Jane Austen

More Than a Glance

Most of the students at James Monroe -- eighty-five percent, in fact -- are enrolled in eighth through eleventh grade. The underclassmen number over six hundred and are every kind of person imaginable. People with an age range of five years. People with different interests. People with different ideas. People who take fine arts classes and people who take vocational classes. People who play sports and people who don't. People who speak out and people who keep quiet. People in your classes and people in other classes; people you've met and people you haven't; people you know and people you don't. These are the people you see in the hall every day. All of these people, whether they like each other or not, whether they even know each other or not, spend seven hours a day, five days a week under the same roof. All work, learn, and live together for a majority of the year. Despite their differences, they are somehow resolved into a student body, a unified people. Here they are. These are the people of James Monroe.

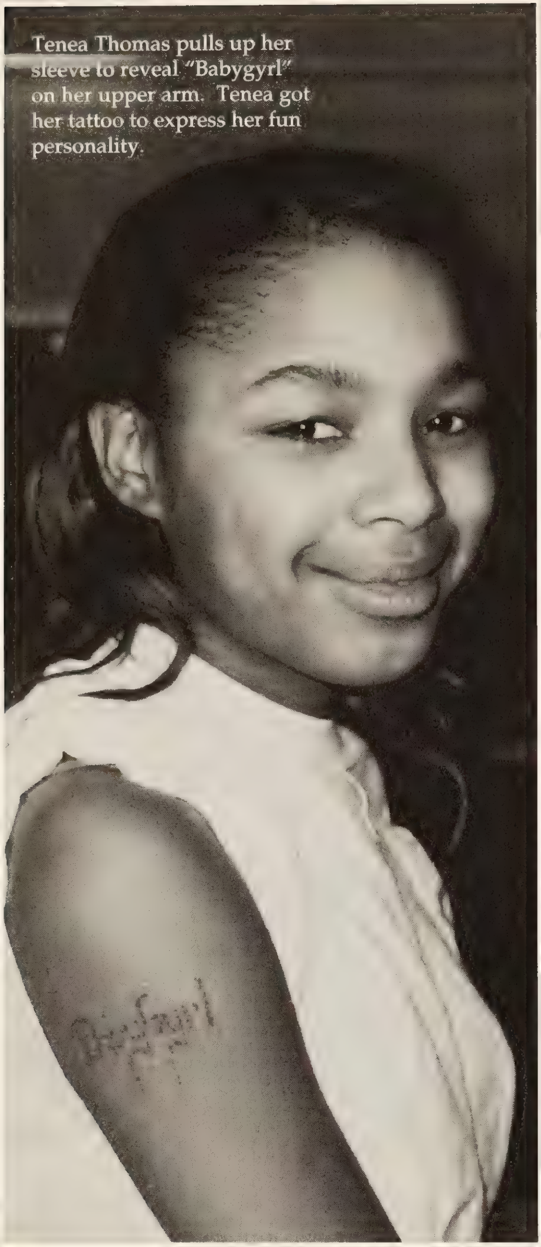


Nathanial Cunningham, Andre Fox, Michael Walker, and Justin Long, like most students on the lower end of the five-year totem pole, wait somewhat impatiently for the bell to sound ending their gym class, as if unsatisfied by the pace of time.

Jonah Martin is genuinely loved for his unfathomable depth of generosity and friendliness: he may have more friends and genial acquaintances than anyone else in the world. If Jonah had a penny for every dollar he's loaned a needy friend...well, he wouldn't be rich, but that doesn't matter. Goodwill seems to follow Jonah at his heels like a loyal pet. Here, he seems to think he's lost it, but, not to worry, it's waiting right behind him.

With a furrowed brow and bowing eyes, Erin Jacob redirects her view from the brightly shining sun to the early autumn ground, still brimming with dandelions, as her sophomore year gets underway.

Body Art


Tenea Thomas pulls up her sleeve to reveal "Babygyrl" on her upper arm. Tenea got her tattoo to express her fun personality.

For thousands of years, people have used their bodies as convenient canvases upon which they artfully express or label themselves. Be it through piercing, tattooing, or body and face painting, the markings always relate a message in a sometimes shocking way. The same is true of the Jayem student bodies. Many among our student body have piercings or tattoos.

Although most girls have their ears pierced, some have not participated in this female rite-of-passage. Reasons for not piercing their ears include: lack of interest, "I never got around to it," and "God didn't make me that way."

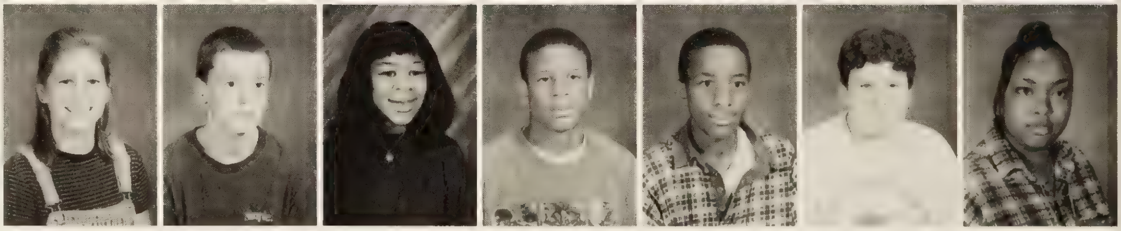
In recent years piercings have shown up in more unusual places. Lips, tongues, eyebrows, nipples, noses, and navels have all become common areas for ornaments. Ears often contain multiple piercings as well. Though most pierced people are girls, more and more boys have started piercing themselves.

Tattoos have risen among students as well. More and more students sport tattoos on their ankles or shoulders. The popularity of tatoos is on the rise despite the obstacle of parental consent for minors. Once this permission is given or you turn 18, you can go downtown to Cut'n'One or Corky's to obtain your own personal body art.

Junior Christine Cox is more courageous and outrageous than most- she has both her nipple and her navel pierced. But, she claims, "it doesn't hurt."

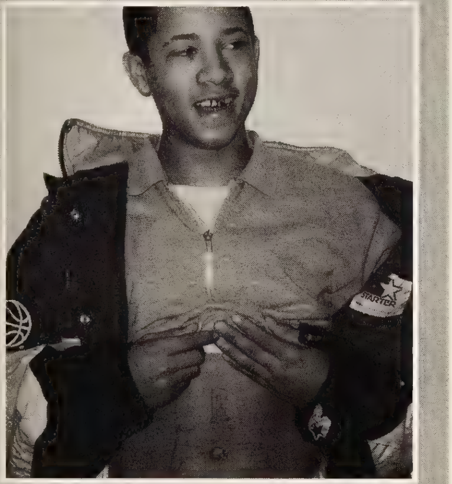
Heather Aliff, 8
Patiphan Ambuel, 11
Scott Ameen, 8
Aida Andemariam, 8
Sandy Andemariam, 8
Sarah Anderson, 9
Sumter Armstrong, 10

Anne Arnold, 8
Andy Bacon, 8
Crystal Baker, 11
Jermaine Baker, 9
Steven Baker, 9
Thomas Balderson, 9
Andrea Banks, 9

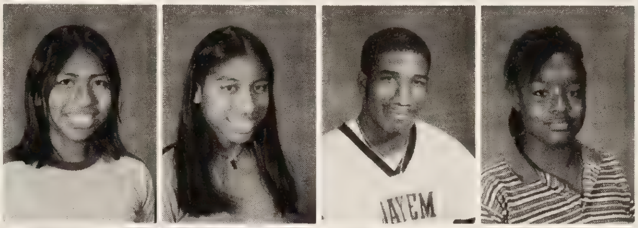


Nancy Moore, an eighth grader, expresses her individuality through her multiple piercings, most of which she did herself.

Habib Beatty displays the tatoo on his stomach which reads "TRU." Habib's older brother, Bibah, tatooed the young Habib during a visit to Texas.



Keenan Barner, 9
Scott Barnes, 10
Jeffrey Barrett, 10
Tiffany Baskerville, 8



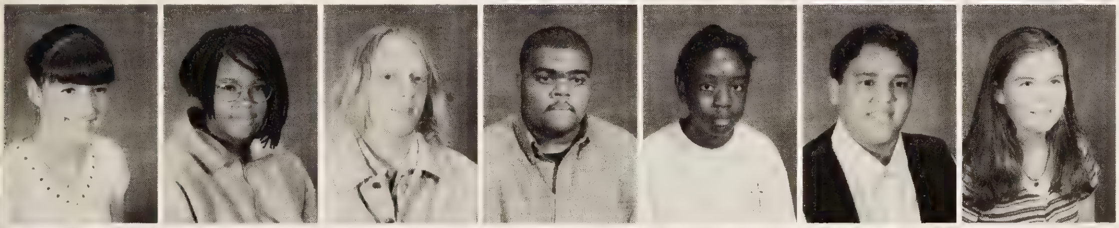
Blanca Batalla, 11
Rosa Batalla, 10
Kris Battle, 11
Keyanna Beanum, 8

Clay Beattie, 8
Emily Beattie, 11
Habib Beatty, 10
Sarah Beddoe, 10

Stephanie Bellotti, 11
Ashley Bencs, 9
Ryan Beverly, 11
C.T. Billingsley, 10

Ashleigh Bishop, 8
Randall Blevins, 9
Anne Blosser, 10
Kristin Boswell, 8

Claudia Boucher, 10
Matthew Boutwell, 10
Edwin Boxley, 8
John Boxley, 10



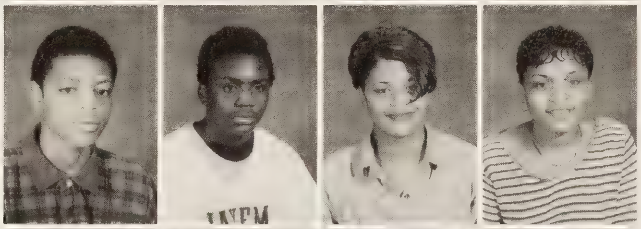
Rebecca Brintley, 9
Ashley Briscoe, 9
Derek Britt, 11
Sean Brooks, 10
Shona Brooks, 8
Stanley Brooks, 11
Stephanie Brooks, 9

Marion Brothers, 11
Maria Brown, 11
Morgan Brown, 9
Ralph Brown, 10
Robert Brown, 8
Sean Brown, 9
Sherita Brown, 8

Mark Bullock, 9
Jamie Burch, 11
Jessica Burger, 8
Troy Burke, 11
Chimere Burns, 8
Nathan Burns, 8
Simone Burns, 8

Brooke Burton, 10
Antarae Byrd, 9
Stephen Byrd, 8
Kiyenna Cabarris, 9
Pat Callahan, 10
Brian Cannedy, 8
Jessica Cannedy, 8

Katrina Cannon, 11
Shannon Carnohan, 9
Aldean Carr, 9
Crystal Carr, 11

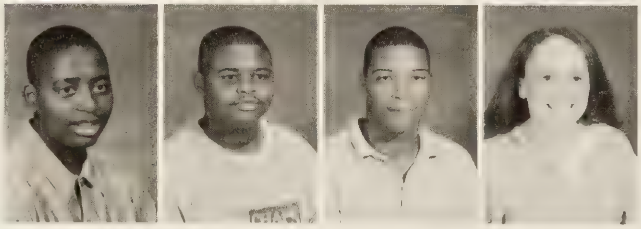


Khasiem Carr, 9
Kenneth Carter, 8
Tameisha Carter, 11
Kimberly Catlett, 11

Justen Chambers, 8
Matthew Chambers, 10
Michael Chambers, 8
Tamaira Chapman, 9

Connor Childress, 8
Florence Childress, 11
Sarah Chinn, 11
Jessica Cline, 11

Kristen Coak, 9
Charles Coates, 11
Michael Cockrill, 10
Lorie Coker, 10



Chris Coleman, 8
Lionel Coles, 10
James Collins, 10
Katie Collins, 11

UNUSUAL NAMES...

Kenton
Serge
Chu-Yuan
Nasheandell
LaTrae
Randye
Noe
Chaz

Millicent
Juhon
Aida
Chimere
Antarae
Khasiem
Gia
Wameisha

I love my name!" says Blanca Batalla when asked about her name: Blanca Estella Batalla. On the other hand, she's often compared to "Blanca from 'Street Fighter'".

Chantel Comford, 8
Akira Conway, 9
Elwood Conway, 10
Joseph Conway, 9
Chelsea Cook, 8
David Cook, 10
Jared Cook, 10

Andrew Cooley, 9
Kenneth Cooper, 9
Dreana Coppage, 8
Rachael Costello, 11
Clare Cote, 10
Adam Covington, 11
Christy Covington, 9

"Hello, my name is . . ."

"What's in a name?" asks Juliet in Shakespeare's classic tragedy, *Romeo & Juliet*. A name is defined as an apellation, title, or epithet. There is no universal rule to naming, or to anything, for that matter. Some people give names for their meanings, others for their poetic rings, while still others choose names because no one has ever had them before.

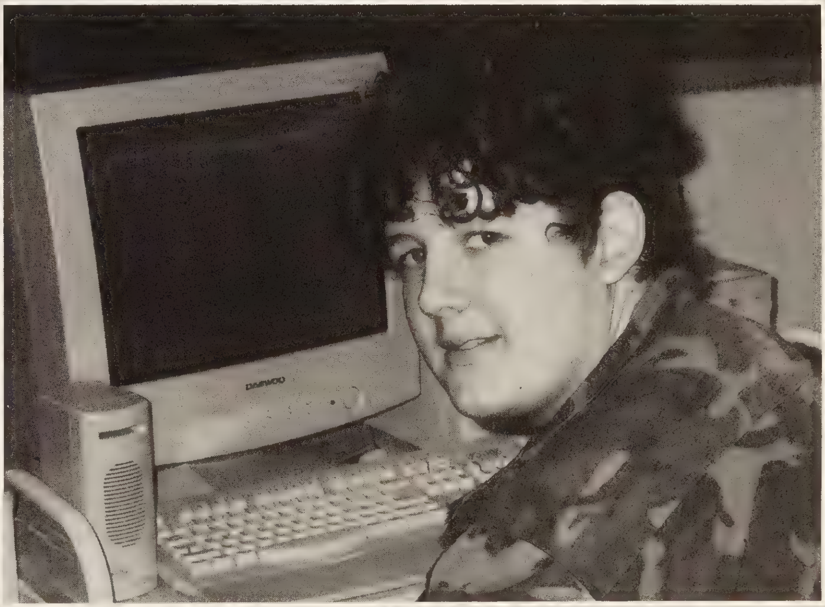
To Buck Olson Schiff, a name is a memorial of past generations. His name, assembled by his mother, consists of his mom's maiden name, his grandpa's last name, and his stepfather's last name, respectively.

An example of a name with meaning is Habib Beatty, which means "Beloved One", a name with the rare and wonderful combination of meaning and that famous "nice ring".

Possessing an unique and unusual name usually sparks mispronunciations and misspellings. Buck says that he has been desensitized by the constant mispronunciation and misspelling of his last name, and Habib's sentiments are comparable.

Nikki Wollaston, however, is not so forgiving of misprints of her name. "I want everyone to know my name and how it is spelled," she quickly exclaimed.

The honor of a most unusual name goes to Blance Estella Batalla, meaning "White Star Battle", one of the most poetic names many people have had the pleasure of hearing. She stressed the value of her name, quoting John Proctor, from Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* : "I cannot have another in my life."



Buck Schiff, seen here in action, diligently strives to be better than the pack. Daily, this young Buck challenges the computer's ability in literature, art, and Tetris.

Lisa Cowles, 9
Christine Cox, 11
Philip Cox, 8
Jerome Crawford, 9

Tiemeyer Crawford, 9
Jason Creswell, 8
Ashley Crickenberger, 10
Amanda Crooks, 10

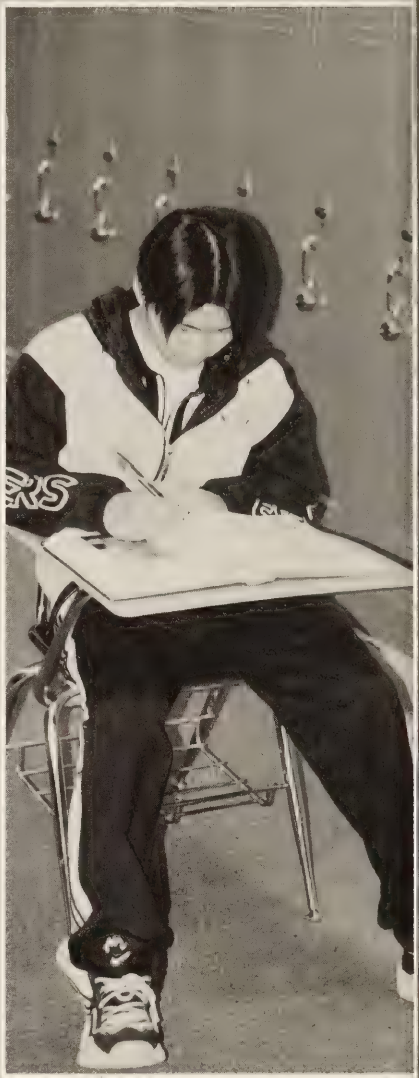
Hope Crowley, 11
Christina Culley, 10
Danielle Cunningham, 8
Nathaniel Cunningham, 8

Jessica Curtis, 10
Gia D'Amico, 9
Lorice Dabney, 8
Wameisha Dabney, 9

Syreeta Davenport, 11
Katie David, 10
Bernita Davidson, 11
Clarence Davis, 10

Elizabeth Deaderick, 9
Robert Deaderick, 11
Charlotte Dean, 9
Levi Dean, 9

Wo Chan, who arrived at Jayem this year from China, is not the most verbose student in school. However, he makes up for his current lack of vocabulary with an admirable effort to learn English, one of the most complex and difficult languages in the world.



Valorie Derise, 8
Jacob Dewey, 9
Renee Diez, 10
Amanda DiGiandomenico, 10
Michael Dillard, 11
Matthew Dodson, 9
Nicole Doggett, 8

Daniel Dormer, 9
Ruthann Dorn, 8
Megan Dougherty, 8
Kate Doyle, 10
James Dreiss, 8
Amy Duggins, 9
Jon Durrett, 10

Learning Our Language

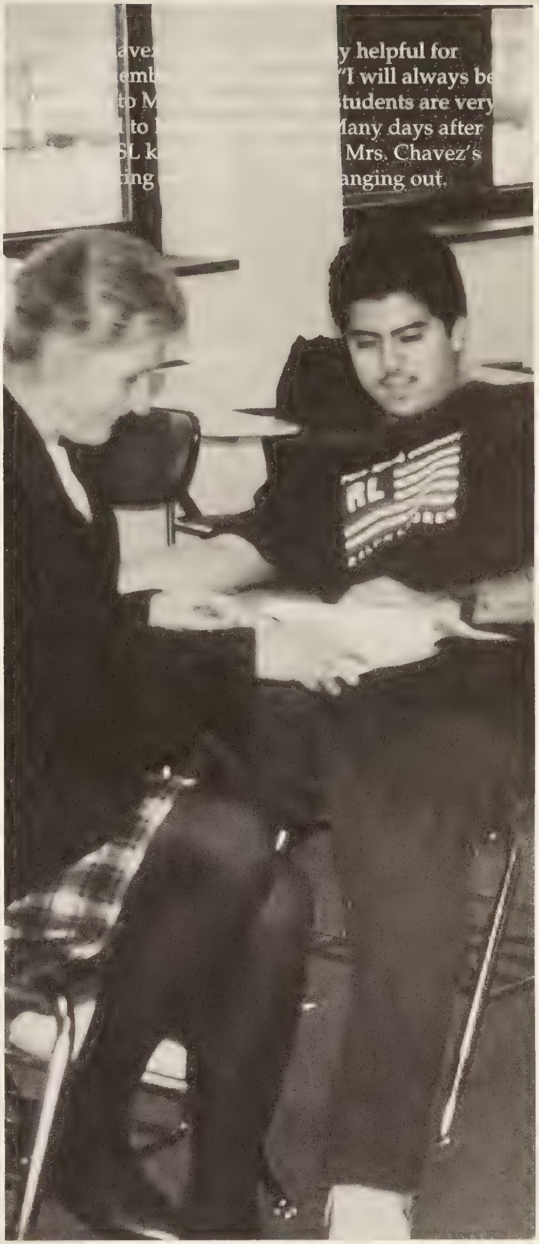
Imagine attending a high school whose spoken language is not your own. This has been the situation facing the many English as a second language students this year. On September 2, the first day of school, these students entered James Monroe unsure of American customs, ideas, and basic daily life. The timid Evelin Mejia recalls the first couple weeks of school, "It was scary at first not really knowing anybody or where my classes were, but now we are fine and know people and stuff."

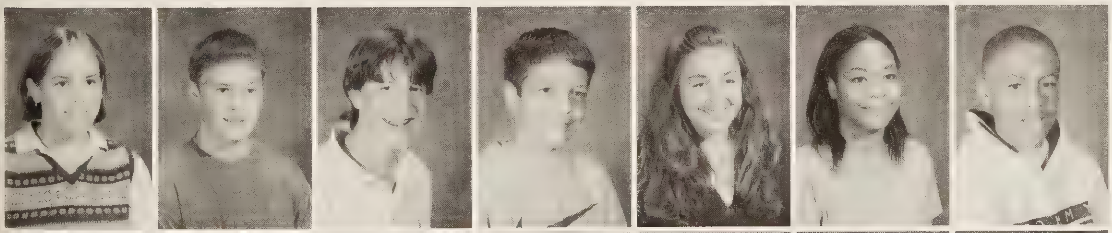
Like any other new students, these pupils found the school foreign, of course, yet inviting. Weeks passed, and these "new kids" became JM regulars. They made friends with students of many groups and from other backgrounds.

Mrs. Chaves, a Spanish teacher, has been teaching ESL for about eight years. This year, she teaches two Pallastinian students, three from El Salvador, and one from China, among others. "These kids are a joy to teach. We teach each other patience and persistence. Each student is very committed to learning English and getting their work done. I have a very fulfilling job," smiles Mrs. Chaves, happily thinking of her students.

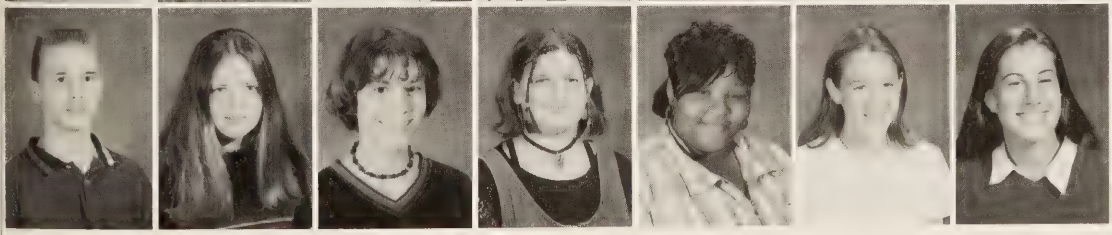
It obviously takes very dedicated and determined people to undertake so difficult a task like learning another language on the spot. We applaud their efforts and wish them all success.

Like any other girl, Sonia Portillo was nervous about meeting people and not having any friends. This was obviously not a problem; Sonia has made many special friends since her first day of school: Christi, Majorie, Judith, and Carla.





Lauren Edrington, 8
Jordan Edwards, 10
Chris Eldridge, 10
Cole Eller, 8
Rebekah Eller, 11
Darnisha Ellis, 8
Jacoby Ellis, 8



John Ellis, 10
Christina Elmore, 9
Lila Elswick, 10
Kay English, 8
Barbara Eura, 10
Caroline Evans, 8
Katie Evans, 11

Amber Farmer, 9
David Farmer, 8
Kirsten Farnham, 8
Katrina Farris, 8
Crystal Ferguson, 8
Kelly Fiske, 11
Adrianne Fletcher, 10

Robin Foster, 8
Andre Fox, 8
Raynard Fox, 8
Michelle Frelick, 10
Robert Friend, 8
Jessica Frye, 8
Tim Gajewski, 10

Dust Tracks on the Road

When we were young, the freedom to drive was a dream beyond our reach. We all envisioned driving around in the latest modish cars and discussed the freedom that would come with them. As we age, the excitement of the dream fades and becomes more and more real. The Corvette we fantasized about will now more likely be a Toyota or a Honda with threateningly high insurance rates and rising gas prices. Many people abuse this freedom, failing to understand that driving is a privilege that can easily be revoked.

This year AAA Insurance, coupled with college scandals and the DMV, have brought about many new debates concerning the drinking age and the procedures necessary in getting a learner's permit. AAA suggests that students go through graduating steps leading up to the age of 18, at which point the licence would be granted.

Driving while intoxicated has become a growing problem for police and college employees. People are starting to believe that if the drinking age were dropped to 18 then there wouldn't be as many abuses of alcohol. One college student claims that " students get excited when the chance comes to do something illegal." Monika Fritz, an exchange student from Germany, where the drinking age is 16, says that "you should be allowed to drink before you drive because then you know your limits before you get behind the wheel."

Skid marks like these are frequently left in the student parking lot and are proof of the "flaws" in the much patronized teenage driving method. Here at school they reflect each student's need for a hasty exodus from James Monroe.

Lucina Galimore, 10
Richard Galimore, 10
Lee Galloway, 11
Karla Garcia, 8
Marjorie Garcia, 10
Moses Garcia, 9
Elliot Gardner, 9

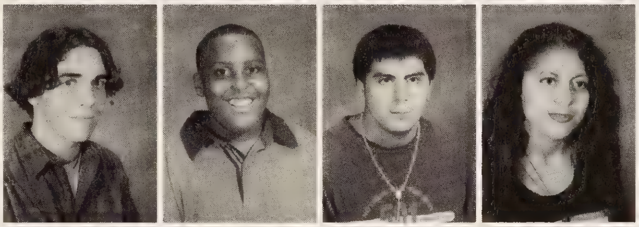
Julie Gardner, 9
Brandon Garnett, 9
Thomas Garrison, 8
Andy Gaydish, 11
James Gibbs, 8
Jill Gibson, 9
Kyle Giddings, 8

DRIVER EDUCATION STUDENT DRIVER

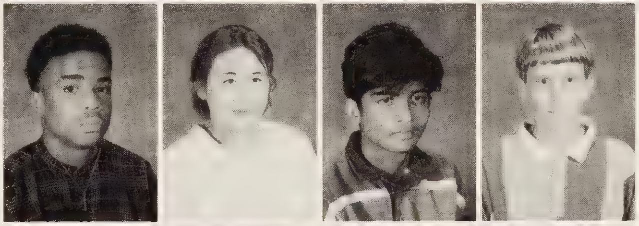
Troy Burke, like many teenage guys, drives his car in a relaxed fashion, known as "pimpin'". Here, he chauffeurs Caroline Evans home.

Whether the students like it or not, they all have to go through the experiences of "behind the wheel" in order to get a license. The bright yellow indicator lessens the expectations of other drivers, much to the embarrassment of the student driver.

Emmanuel Gowdy, 11
Kate Gratz, 10
Ashley Green, 9
Candice Green, 10



Dillard Green, 11
Kenton Griffin, 8
Jose Guevara, 9
Reina Guevara, 8

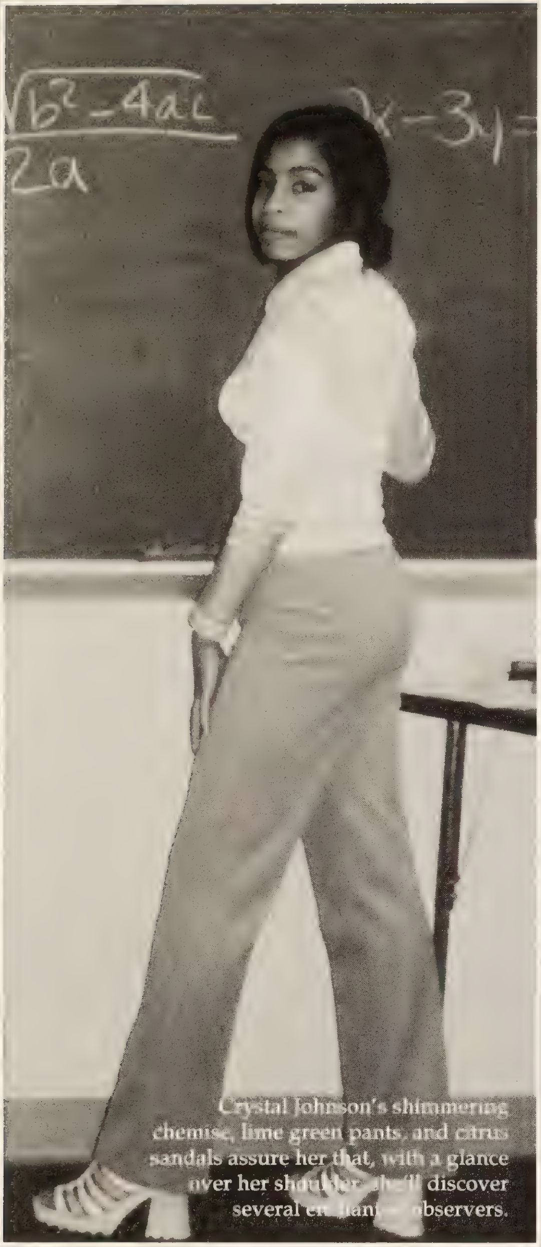


Steven Gunn, 8
Erika Gunselman, 11
Ata Ul Hafeez, 10
Andrew Hall, 8

Kendrea Hall, 8
Christina Hardbower, 10
Joshua Harmon, 9
Shaun Harper, 11

Nikki Harr, 8
Jamie Harris, 8
Porcia Harris, 9
Stefanie Harris, 10

Hilary Hartman, 9
Tracy Hartman, 11
Kip Hayden, 10
David Hayes, 9



Crystal Johnson's shimmering chemise, lime green pants, and citrus sandals assure her that, with a glance over her shoulder, she'll discover several [illegible] observers.

Fashion

Because there is no one dominant style this year, fashion at James Monroe can only be described as diverse. From vinyl to corduroy to the ever-present denim, everyone has adapted their own unique look. Even jeans have new looks: boot-cut, overalls, and wide leg have all been known to cover legs throughout the halls. Shoes have evolved from a simple accessory to the focal point of an outfit, as has everything else. Platforms, clogs, and boots have all made strong comebacks this year. Of course, some things never change. Black is still as essential to a girl's closet as khakis are to a guy's, and the timeless winter sweater continues to survive. Fashion is indeed what you make of it. "I think that comfort is the most important aspect of fashion. If I do not find a garment comfortable, I cannot find it fashionable," says Megan Epp.

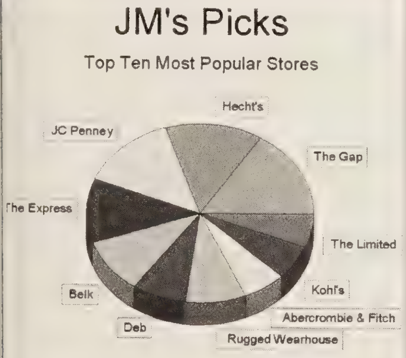
JM's shoes are as diverse as their owners. Shoes from the 50's, 60's, and 70's have been brought back into style to form the eccentric wrld of footwear.

Many people consider one's dress and the path they choose in the world of fashion and style a reflection of their character or the void in its place. As much as some people take time in choosing their daily apparel, many disregard the opinions of others and aim towards comfort, exhibiting a carelessly high self esteem. A third group consists of those who, by a blatant attempt to thrash out against normalcy, spend as much time on appearance as the ones they see themselves opposing. James Monroe's students have done well in piecing together all who are representative of these mindsets, and consequently we all come together regardless of opinion.

Alexander Haynie, 9
Serge Hedlund, 10
April Heinbaugh, 10
Mollie Helton, 10
Brian Hence, 8
Sharika Henderson, 8
Adolfo Hernandez, 11

Derrick Herndon, 8
Elizabeth Hicks, 9
Wendy Hicks, 10
Robert Higdon, 9
Destiny Hill, 11
Allyson Hilliard, 11
Tara Hirshell, 8

n search of fashionable clothing and a ood buy, JM students often shop at thrift tores. Here, Christine Stone, Wesley hompson, Greg Mauck, Katy Moore, and ennifer Major display typical thrift store nds.



Brad Hoak, 9
Wesley Hockaday, 10
Jesse Hogue, 10
Christal Holmes, 9

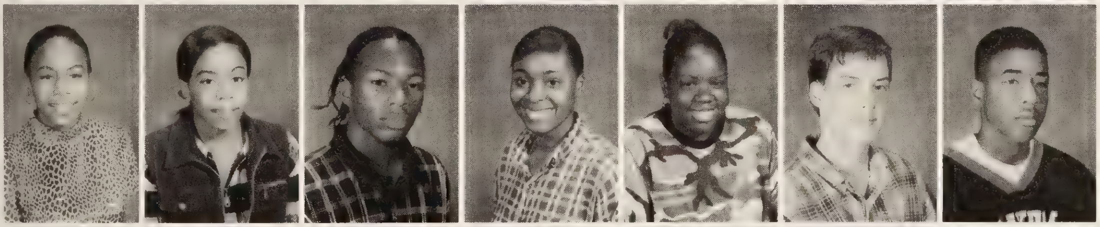
Demetria Holmes, 8
John Howard, 8
Michael Howard, 8
Cortez Hudson, 8

Hunter Hughes, 9
Janet Hume, 11
Robin Hume, 8
Chu-Yuan Hwang, 11

Roderick Hyman, 9
Kent Ingalls, 10
Amanda Jackson, 10
Jameil Jackson, 11

Natoyah Jackson, 8
Erin Jacob, 10
Adam Janney, 9
Michael Jenkins, 8

Sara Jett, 10
Elvis Jimenez, 11
Crystle Johns, 8
Bianca Johnson, 9



Christi Johnson, 10
Crystal Johnson, 10
Dytanyon Johnson, 10
Kara Johnson, 9
Marcia Johnson, 10
Nathaniel Johnson, 11
Roscoe Johnson, 9

Anton Jones, 10
Latrae Jones, 8
Sean Jones, 10
Tamara Jones, 10
Tameka Jones, 11
Derrick Jordan, 10

Anna Karnas, 11
Monet Keeve, 9
Nathan Keller, 11
Jenny Kertsos, 8
Kyle Kimes, 10
Caitlin Kimmitz, 8
Arelle King, 9

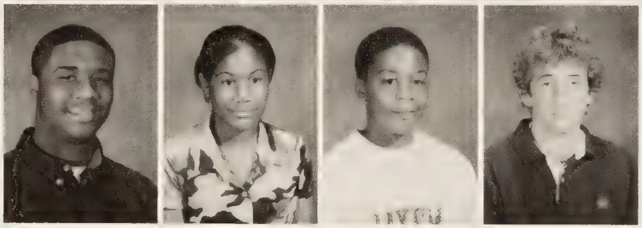
Kris Klontzaris, 10
Mary Klontzaris, 11
James Koch, 10
Emily Kutzer-Rice, 8
Khristina Lacey, 8
Sarah Laing, 10
Tia Lane, 11

Anthony Laserna, 11
Matthew Laskowski, 10
Alexandra Lawson, 10
Evan Lawson, 8

Hunter Lee, 10
Alicia Lewis, 8
Angela Lewis, 9
Kendra Lewis, 11

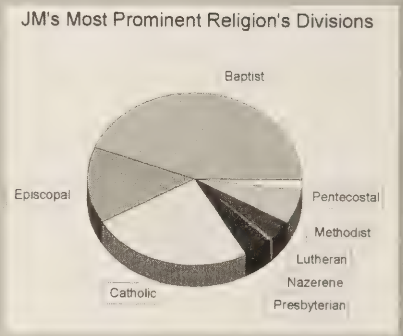
Mashon Lewis, 9
Amber Likins, 9
Lucrecia Lobo, 10
Nathan Lobo, 8

Dwayne Long, 11
Jennifer Long, 8
Justin Long, 8
Jason LoVerdi, 11



Amanda Lovett, 9
Jason Loving, 9
Adam Lowry, 8
Michelle Lucas, 8

Randye Lucas, 8
Shane Lucas, 10
Gates Lund, 8
Kyle MacDougall, 9



Born into Buddhism, Patiphan Ambuel i
active in his faith. Here, he displays two c
his posessions, one of which is a sculpture c
Buddha. Patiphan is the only known Bud
dhist at JM, and while he probably doesn'
spend much time gazing at the lights of
Christmas tree over Christmas Beak, he say
that he,"enjoys the time away from school'

Chris MacLean-Everhart, 11
Andrea Maisch, 9
Jennifer Maisch, 9
Jennifer Major, 9
Mike Makin, 11
Katherine Malamphy, 9
Michael Maniscalco, 9

Jonah Martin, 11
Julie Martin, 10
Robert Martineli, 8
Harper Massey, 9
Stephanie Mathena, 8
Jessica Matthews, 8
David Mausolf, 11

Divine Intervention

To most of us at James Monroe, religion is a very significant factor in our daily lives. The majority of the population here is Christian, and over one half of these are Baptist. Growing up with religious ideas day after day can be more influential than one might guess. "I have faith in God, I believe everything happens because it is meant to happen. My mother always made ne go to church. Then, as I got older, I liked going to church, and I began to understand and associate myself with the Episcopal eachings," said senior Elizabeth Zirkle. Many teenagers are unsure of their religious beliefs. A great number of teenagers feel hat this is a critical time in their lives when they are questioning and determining their beliefs about religion.

The outside world, while it is cited in almost every applicable field as a major influence, can and should have very little influence, as far as a person's spirituality, or lack there of, is concerned. This is the type of personal conviction that cannot be placed inside a person by another because it involves some of the nost private issues of all. For this very reason, religious beliefs are deeply entrenched in the souls of hose who have them and are often a source of conflict. Fortunately, the respect and understanding hat students here have for each other allow us to ocus on the interesting diversity, rather than the conflicting views of some faiths with others. The nelting pot of the world and its religions is well-represented here, and it's wonderful to have such a rich and eclectic spectrum under our roof.

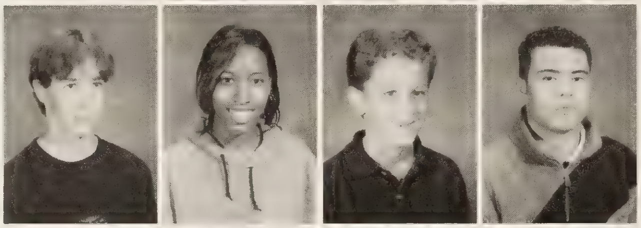
Sarah Beddoe, an active participant in worship at St. Georges' Episcopal Church, bows her head to ask God's guidance. Many of our students are of the Episcopalian denomination, and attend one of these churches in our area.

April McAfee, 11
Jane McAfee, 9
Michael McAuley, 8
Ryan McAuley, 9

Anna McDermott, 11
Joe McFadden, 8
James McGinniss, 9
Colleen McGrail, 9

Crystal McKenna, 8
Matt McKneely, 8
Kevin McLaughlin, 11
Paula McNairn, 9

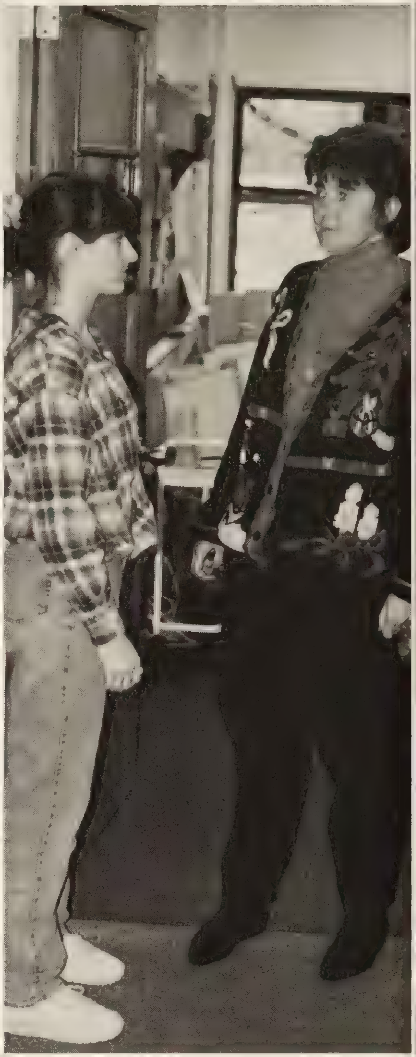
Justin McVaney, 8
Marcia Meade, 9
Chris Mehrabi, 8
Edwin Mejia, 9



Evelin Mejia, 9
Noe Mejia, 9
Mark Mercer, 8
Katharine Micks, 11

Richard Miller, 10
Cortez Mills, 8
Laura Minniear, 9
Calvin Minor, 11

Becky Brintley and her mother, Mrs. Limmerick, pause for a brief conversation outside her room during the day. Common topics of conversation are determining afternoon plans or asking for money.



Latoya Minor, 8
Lavonta Minor, 11
Michelle Minor, 10
Brianne Mitchell, 11
Elizabeth Mitchell, 8
Matthew Mitchell, 9
Monika Mohs, 9

Richard Mooney, 8
Annie Mooney, 9
Brandon Moore, 10
Chaz Moore, 9
Katy Moore, 8
Nancy Moore, 8
Courtney Morgan, 10

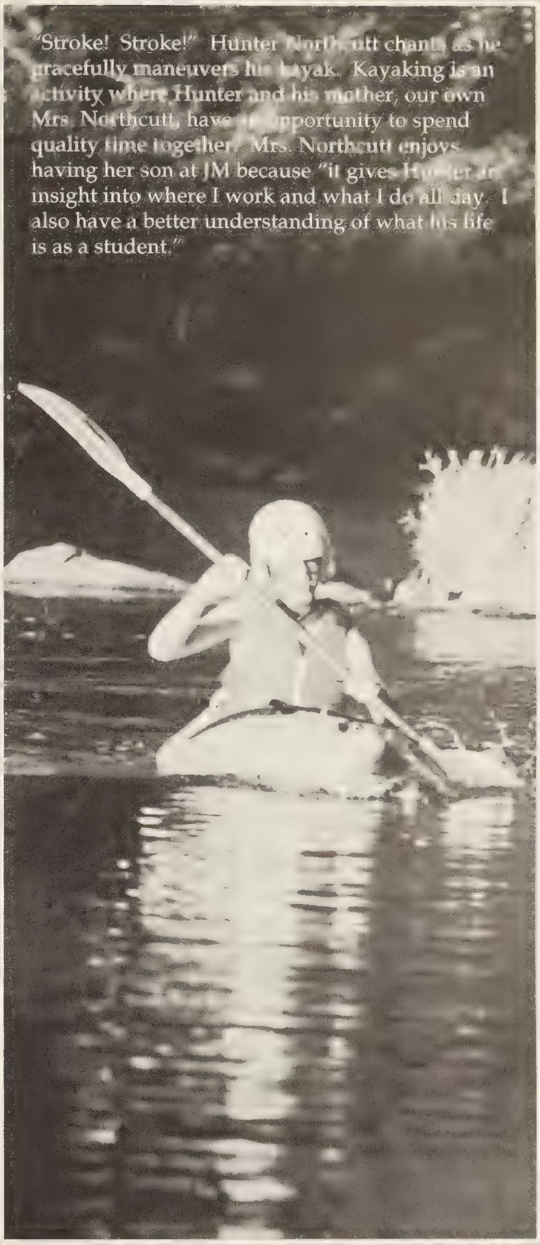
24-Hour Teachers

Anyone know where a student can find a great tutor? Just ask any one of the many students whose parents teach here. These students have extra help at their beck and call at any hour of the day or night, which can be beneficial at 2:00 AM on exam day. Other perks of this circumstance include being reimbursed for lost lunch money and having access to a pair of on-the-spot scissors, in the event of a run-in with red tape.

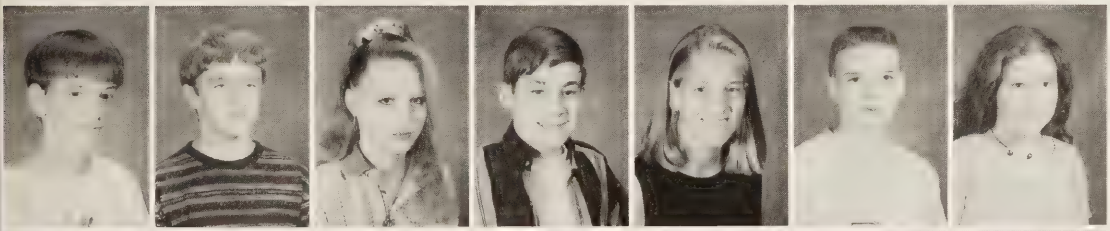
One might think that this arrangement is not so bad, but there are drawbacks. These students are often recognized as "so and so's child" and, therefore, are known by all members of the staff. Teachers sometimes give parents weekly updates on their child, so horrible test grades that were intended to be buried beneath 18 weeks of compensation are unearthed much too soon. Another drawback is the feeling of claustrophobia between child and parent. Kids sometimes feel like they're never out of their parent's sight. This proximity is often too close for parents' comfort as well. One teacher feels it might be hard to be a good mother while she is at work.

Despite these drawbacks, having a mom or dad work at JM can help to bring families together. Parents and kids can laugh together over a humorous incident and they each have instantaneous support if something negative occurs, serving to create a unique intimacy.

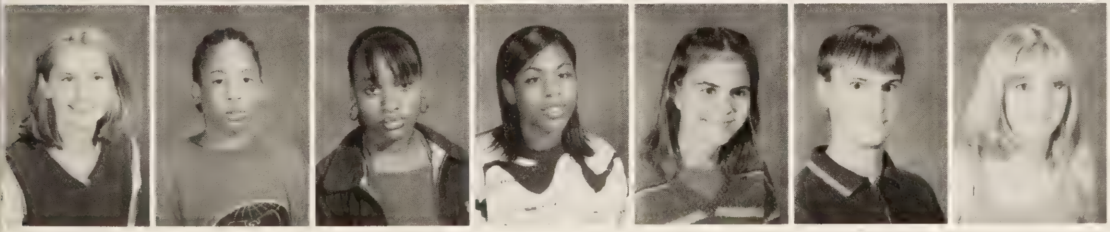
Mrs. Jones truly gives Wonderwoman a run for her money. Not only is she a super English teacher by day, but she is also a mom and swim guru by night, seen here advising Tamara.



"Stroke! Stroke!" Hunter Northcutt chants as he gracefully maneuvers his kayak. Kayaking is an activity where Hunter and his mother, our own Mrs. Northcutt, have an opportunity to spend quality time together. Mrs. Northcutt enjoys having her son at JM because "it gives Hunter an insight into where I work and what I do all day. I also have a better understanding of what his life is as a student."



Matt Morgan, 9
Aaron Morrisette, 8
Kristen Morrison, 9
Philip Morrow, 9
Alice Moss, 10
Robert Murphy, 9
Eileen Naples, 10



Megan Neasham, 10
Antwyn Nelson, 8
Ebony Nelson, 8
Tiffany Nelson, 10
Emily Nere, 10
Bernie Newton, 11
Jessica Newton, 9

Daniel Norfleet, 9
Lloyd Norfolk, 11
Hunter Northcutt, 8
Justin O'Bannon, 9
Bryan O'Neal, 10
Sean O'Neill, 10
Liz Ogren, 9

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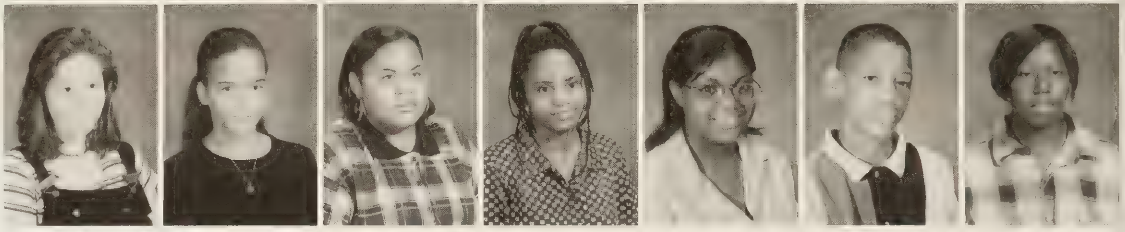
Jacelyn Olivella, 8
Christina Parker, 9
Kyesha Parker, 11
Maria Parker, 9
Marquita Parker, 8
Matthew Parker, 8
Nicole Parker, 9



Survey Says...

Today's high school student lives in a world of choices and opinions. Now more than ever, the influence of popular, capitalist culture, as well as traditional conflicts and preferences, gives us continually more choices to make, opinions to formulate, and philosophies to solidify.

Some choices seem relatively easy to make. For instance, 84.5% of the school, as shown in a yearbook study, is dissatisfied with JM cafeteria food. Yet when asked whether they preferred to shower in the morning or at night, early risers won by the very narrow margin of 10%, though only 65.3% of all hygenically-minded students admit to singing in the shower. Obviously we decided to poll the school on a wide variety of topics, so we also asked them if would like their own children to attend JM one day. The answer may be surprising to some: 55% said they wanted their children to repeat the JM experience.

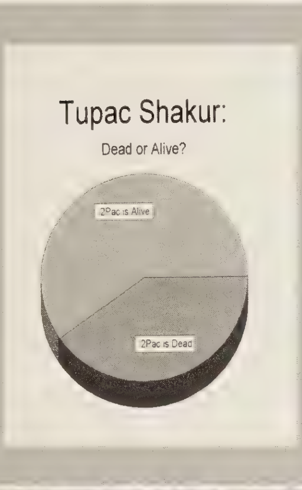
Andy Gaydish prepares to chow down on a hearty meal of...yes, his toenails. Strangely, this idiosyncrasy is very popular with the 17.8% of the student body who indulge in this not-so-delicate delicacy.

The weight of consumerism on the average student is indeed a heavy one. When we asked students their preference as to their favorite soft drink, given the choice between industry rivals Coke and Pepsi, the split was almost even. At 50.8%, Coke won by the narrowest margin on this survey. Other choices are quite obviously dictated by popular fashion sense; an overwhelming 82.3% agreed with Bill Clinton and preferred boxers to briefs, forming an approval rating the likes of which he's never seen politically.

We extended beyond basic opinions as well, asking students about their life experiences and lifestyle choices. Amazingly, we discovered that 72% of the student body believe that they have been in love, while only 10.7% declare themselves vegetarian. 37% have dyed, frosted, or otherwise altered their hair; and soley 17.8% admit to biting their toenails. Perhaps they prefer the taste of their mandibles to that of vegetables, though this, like all opinions, may never be explained.

Justin Pascua, 11
Ashley Pastell, 11
Josh Pastell, 8
Nick Peele, 10
Antonia Perrin, 9
Tameka Peters, 9
Drew Philpott, 9

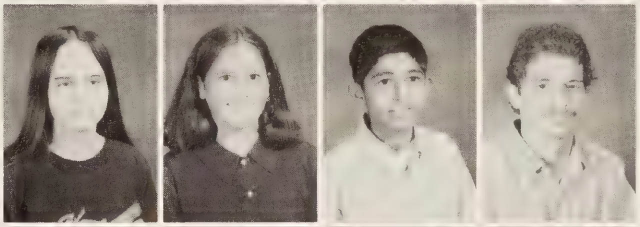
Ashiya Pierce, 9
Daniel Pierson, 11
Jessica Pierson, 9
Jill Pinkerton, 9
Jeremy Pisarcik, 10
Juanita Pitchford, 11
Trae Pitts, 10



The eternal cliche intrigues Jane McAfee, who ponders whether the glass is half full or, as only 17.5% of the school sees it, half empty. Most of our students are, apparently, at least optimistic enough not to call themselves the opposite.

Adam Pollett, 8
Lauren Pollett, 10
Jamie Poole, 10
Sonia Portillo, 9

Christie Powell, 8
Mary-Martha Powell, 9
Anthony Pratt, 9
Brandon Pritchett, 9



Kristin Pritchett, 11
Jane Pryor, 9
Hibatur Rafiq, 8
Lenny Redding, 8

Andrew Reed, 11
James Reforzo, 8
Michelle Renaud, 9
Sarah Reschick, 11

Tenika Reynolds, 10
Noel Rhody, 8
Sharietta Richardson, 9
Bill Riedl, 8

Nikia Ritter, 10
Millicent Roane, 9
James Roberson, 10
Paul Robertson, 8

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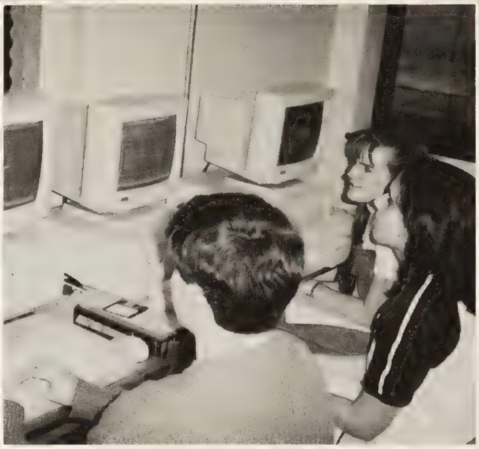
BETTER THINGS TO DO

Junior Chu-Yuan Hwang is one of the many students benefiting from new technology in our school. Each teacher has his or her own school computer, the most obvious result of the new technological advantages.

Nearly three years of planning have finally paid off. James Monroe now has a total of 82 new computers in classrooms and the library. We have new technology in our computer labs, as well as updated research programs in the library. Each computer in the school is equipped with a color printer and internet access.

None of the school's new technology would be possible without the Technology Committee, a board of JM teachers and administrators, including Mr. Schaller, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Vandermade, and Mr. French. This committee helped to decide how much money to spend on technology and where to spend it. According to committee member Dave Lyon, that money consisted of around $865,000, given by the city, the state, and a federal grant. He also described the committee's hardest decisions, those regarding classroom internet access and how to keep it free from the inappropriate material for which the net is famous.



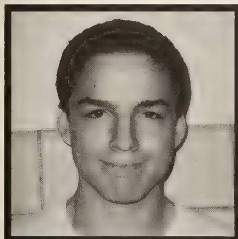
In addition to new computers, JM has added a course on a new computer language focused on object-oriented programming: C++, which is taught by Mr. Cralle. Andrew Reed, Laura Steward, and Brianne Mitchell practice the sometimes trivial task of writing code.

The advancement of technology at JM is not yet complete. In coming years, the Technology Committee plans to build a wide area network connecting all of the Fredericksburg City Schools, a necessity in this technological era. From these combined advances, many students have benefited, and in the next few years, it is certain that many more will.

Brandon Robinson, 10
Chris Robinson, 10
Jesse Robinson, 10
Latricia Robinson, 9
Syndy Robinson, 11
Drew Rodkey, 11
Matthew Rodkey, 8

Jenny Rodriguez, 9
John Roney, 8
Mike Rose, 10
Thomas Rose, 8
David Ross, 9
Jason Ross, 11
Eric Ryder, 10

Mrs. Robinson's lab was equipped with many new computers this year. Justin Pascua takes advantage of the new machines, which will prepare him for the working world.



Students in Mr. McMahon's World Geography class are very familiar with their new computer- they use it almost every day. After students complete their work, they are allowed to log on to the internet, type assignments, and explore drawing programs. Student Charles Wood says, "It's a real good thing we have it (new technology), it helps improve our learning."

Catherine Sacks, 11
Buck Schiff, 10
Nell Schroer, 8
Lauren Scott, 8

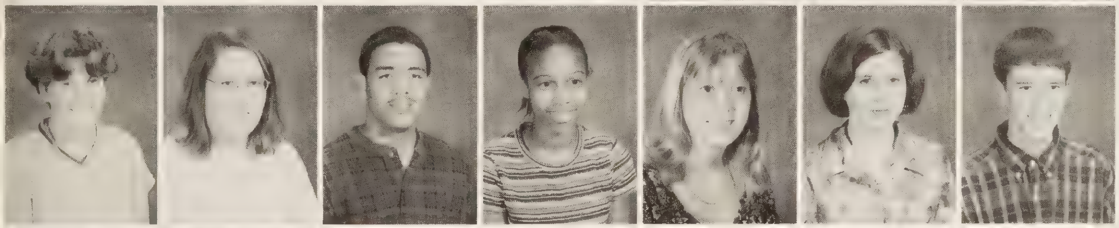
Ernie Scruggs, 10
Debra Seay, 8
Samantha Sexton, 8
Stephen Sexton, 9

Danielle Shank, 8
Maggie Sheffield, 9
Douglas Shepherd, 9
Amanda Shultz, 10

Matt Shultz, 8
Gretchen Sigman, 8
Brooke Silver, 8
Andrew Silverstein, 11

Meredith Sittmann, 9
Donna Skinner, 8
Mary Skinner, 11
Alice Slusher, 9

Beverly Slusher, 10
Faith Smith, 11
Jacob Smith, 9
James Smith, 11



Lynette Smith, 10
Mimi Smith, 10
Richard Smith, 11
Tara Smith, 8
Tina Smith, 9
Tammy Smoot, 8
Anthony Somers, 9

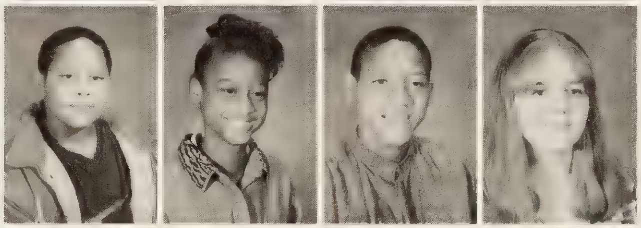
Douglas Sprow, 10
Ryan Starkes, 10
Laura Steward, 11
Jamie Stewart, 8
Kyle Stiffler, 8
Kirk Stokes, 9
Shore Stokes, 9

Catherine Stone, 9
Christine Stone, 10
Bridget Strafer, 9
David Strafer, 8
Garnet Straley, 9
Rachel Sullivan, 8
Renee Sullivan, 8

Joseph Szymczak, 9
Kalene Szymczak, 8
Terrell Tensley, 9
Chris Tharrington, 8
Scott Theado, 9
Harvey Thomas, 10
Mychal Thompson, 11

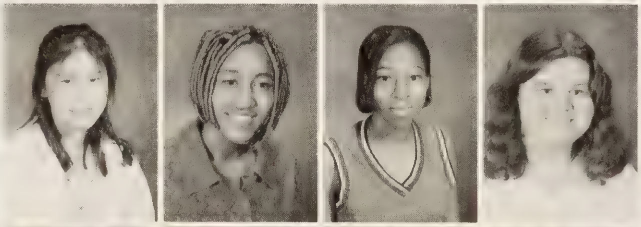
Robyn Thompson, 10
Michael Thornton, 10
Christina Thorsted, 9
Kenny Thorsted, 11

James Tillery, 8
Lekeisha Tillery, 8
Troy Tillery, 8
Anita Tinsman, 8



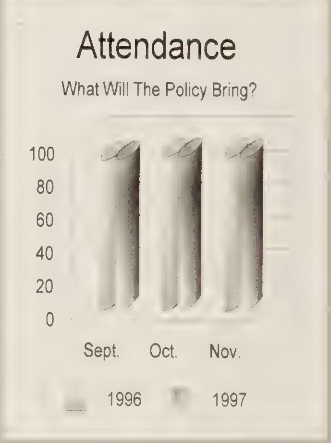
Savannah Toombs, 10
Erinn Tracey, 8
Joseph Tracey, 11
Pierce Tracey, 8

Nancy Trinh, 8
Talaya Turner, 9
Tonia Turner, 9
Christie Turpen, 9



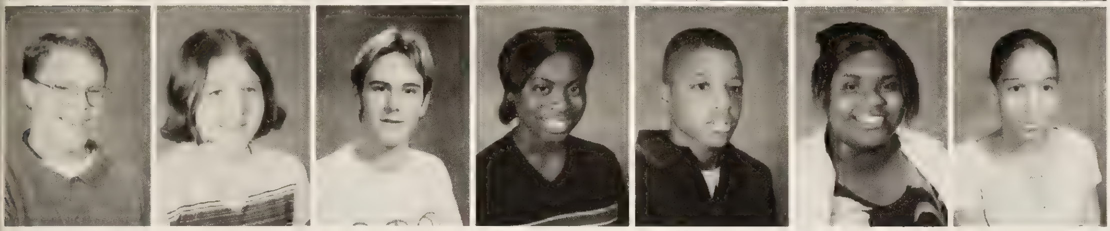
Celestine Tyler, 9
Fernando Valencia, 9
Judith Valencia, 11
Marbella Valencia, 11

Christopher Van Valkenburgh, 11
Emily Vandermade, 10
Jonathan Vazquez, 10
Amanda Vilhauer, 10



Sophomore Stefanie Harris on the new tru
ancy policy: "I don't think the new polic
will have any more of an effect on the num
ber of people who actually come to schoo
than any other policy we've ever had."

Alexsandra Wade, 8
Molly Wafle, 10
William Walden, 9
Michael Walker, 9
Sammy Walker, 10
Shannon Wallace, 11
Constance Waller, 9



Daniel Wardlow, 9
Allison Warren, 8
Rusty Wasem, 11
Tiffany Wash, 10
Kentrale Washington, 8
Samantha Washington, 8
Shadon Washington, 8

CONTROVERSY

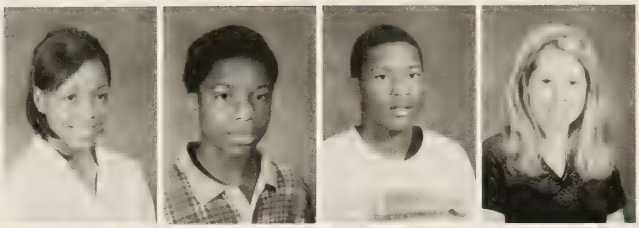
While James Monroe has always been noted for its excellence in education, the underlying problem of truancy (skipping) has repeatedly been an issue looming in the minds of the faculty. Although our prevention policy has been less severe than some, with an allowance of fifteen absences from class before failure, students have always been anxious to push or exceed their limit. Students may now only be absent ten days, excused or inexcused, from class, as opposed to the fifteen days of old, before failure. This is not the only change that has elicited controversy, however.

Under the leadership of Dr. Krill, the new superintendent, the school system turned to the police department for help. Much to the displeasure of Jayem's student body, the school got what it sought. On November 14th a school newsletter read, "Today the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Schools signed a cooperative agreement to eliminate truancy from school." If found truant by the police, they will be returned to school and their parents will be notified. The students' attitude was one of indignation. "What difference does it make how many days someone misses if they can still pass academically?", was the obstinate common cry. "It *is* education that we're concerned with, isn't it?"

While earning a reputation for his love of truancy, Derek Britt has mastered evasion of the faculty as he exits the building. Here, though he may seem innocent, the clock's crafty hands betray him.

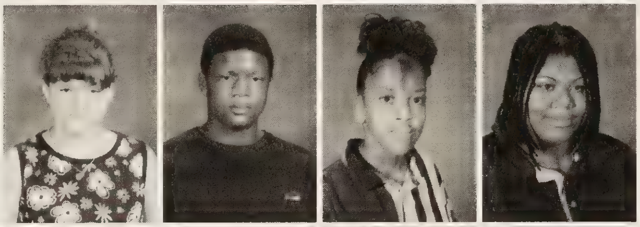
In reviewing attendance for the first three months of this year, we found no steady increase in attendance percentages. The students to whom we have spoken don't feel that a change will come with the policy. The administration cannot enforce a greater attendance rate, as is illustrated in this year's statistics. This policy has left the true choice in the hands of the students as opposed to the administration; it is the students' ultimate decision whether or not they choose to attend.

Shnia Washington, 9
Tamonte Washington, 8
Travis Washington, 9
Betty Westerlund, 11



Aisha White, 8
Ashley White, 11
Jamila White, 8
Jeff White, 9

Joanne White, 8
Justin White, 10
Krystle White, 10
Veronica White, 10



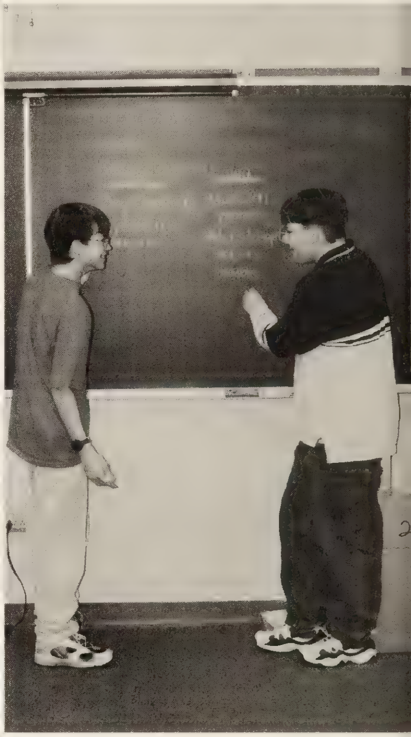
Annita Wilborn, 11
Charmaine Williams, 8
Ebony Williams, 8
Heather Williams, 11

James Williams, 8
Marquita Williams, 8
Don Willie, 8
Lisa Willie, 11

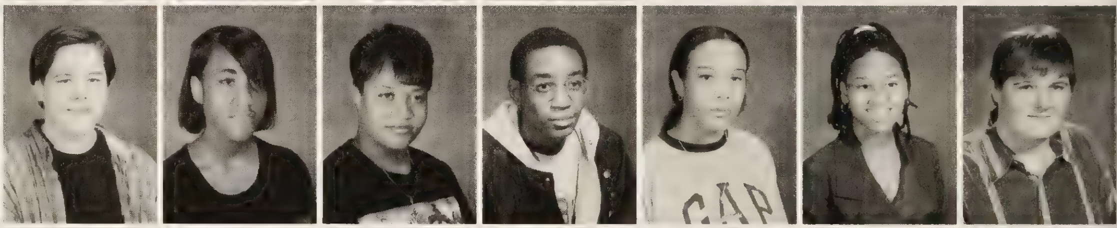
Danielle Wilson, 11
Justin Wilson, 10
Tamira Wilson, 9
Charles Wood, 9

Things

Throughout time brothers and sisters hav been getting on each others nerves, of whic 8th grader Jamie Stewart and freshman Mat Dodson are no exception. From lack of bathroom and telephone access to being bosse around, these brothers definately have som pet peeves about their sisters.



Paul Woody, 10
Alexia Woolfolk, 9
Quionna Woolfolk, 10
Vincent Woolfolk, 8
Brandy Wright, 9
Lakeesha Wright, 8
Richard Wright, 11



Robbie Wright, 10
Wendell Wright, 11
LaToya Young, 8
Selena Young, 11
Soloman Zacchini, 9
Will Zeller, 8
Richard Zirkle, 9

that make you wanna...

You are hanging out with some friends of yours, and one person starts alking very loudly. The others might not notice this, but you can't even pay ttention to the conversation because it drives you crazy. Your head is ounding and you can't explain why. There is no real reason why it annoys ou, but you think if this person does not stop immediately, you will hurt him r her.

Apparently, you have a pet peeve, but don't worry, because we have iscovered that you share this roblem with most students at ames Monroe. Pet peeves can enerate from anything at any- ime and range from Christine tone's reborn-Christian aversion o Chris Mehrabi's annoyance of ery big, clunky shoes. Travis rmstead and Don Willie have ome to dispise the loud talker roblem addressed in the opening anecdote. Some students find heir pet peeves outside of the chool on the highways and iways around town. Kenny horsted can't stand it when two ars are driving at the same speed in both lanes, making it impossible for him o pass them. Allyson Hilliard admits to needing her books and other items tacked in size order, largest to smallest, or she is hurled into a dreadful fit of age.

So, if your pet peeve is people clipping their toenails in quiet rooms, like hnia Washington, or if you are like Eileen Naples and you are bothered to no nd by people talking quietly while you are trying to sleep, just remember that ou are not alone in these convictions. Everyone knows all too well the addening feeling of annoyance as it expands within them, compounding ith every second that the pencil continues to tap on the neighboring desk. he urge to scream an irate "Stop it, jerk!" at the top of your lungs while you rench the No. 2 from his hand and break it with a feeling of tremendous atisfaction is almost too much to repress, and, for many of us, containing the mpulse is not worth the effort it takes to do so. In most cases, however, a lightly less dramatic course of action is the better choice.

Ashley Crickenberger, a sophomore, is easily annoyed by people who burp and do not excuse themselves afterward. "I just find it really obnoxious when people do that. It just gets on my nerves."

Junior Kris Battle enjoys lending a hand with the chores around his house, but he can't stand to have someone walk across the floor he has just finished mopping.

This one is a classic. You are sitting there taking the hardest test in the world and you can't even remember the difference between Shakespeare and Dr. Suess because the person in front of you is chewing their gum so loudly. Christy Huang is confronted by this pet peeve courtesy of Danielle Wilson and her bubblelishious bubbles.

Exceeding The Limits

After a long day at school it would be easy to simply go home and relax or talk with friends, but many students join clubs or organizations. Clubs members don't feel limited by the school walls, so they extend into their community. Whether they assist local candidates through a political club, help the needy in a service club, or perform in a musical club, J/M students walk into our community with outstretched arms. They are an extension of the classroom where students can isolate one area of interest, and excel with the help of other students and sponsors. No matter how much homework they have, or how much their bosses at work may protest, club members often stay after school on short notice. At meetings they discuss upcoming fund-raisers, community projects, and other plans. Clubs are a unique and beneficial way to meet other students with similar interests and discuss recent issues of concern. Clubs are living proof that young people can make a difference when they are willing to exceed the limits.

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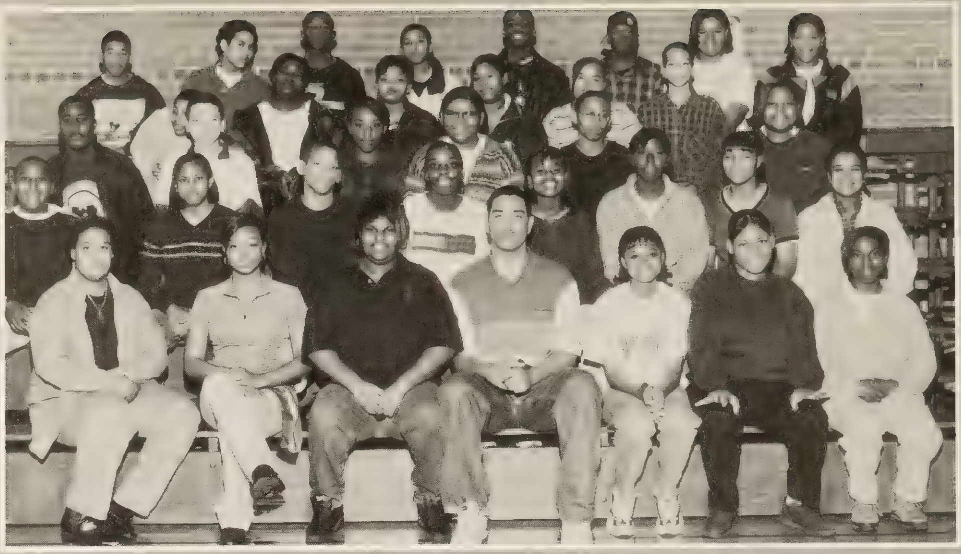
The Challange 23 team, formerly known as Battle of the Brains, shares a moment of jubilance before their narrow loss. However, Bernie Newton, Chu-Yuan Hwang, Nathaniel Johnson, Anna McDermott, and alternate Kate Gratz (not pictured) were consoled by their illustrious host, Mae Lily Lee, and their free T-shirts.

Sophomore Keenan Barner has perfected his drumming so well that he can watch the game while he plays. This is another example of how Ms. Joyner has helped guide the band in a positive direction.

The German club earlier this year went to the Annual German Convention at Busch Gardens. Here club members Mary Ann Johnson, Michael Campbell, Chris Murphy, Kristin Pritchett, Hope Crowley, and Mrs. Kelly ride the Loch Ness Monster rollercoaster. Hope liked Busch Gardens because, "There were a lot of cute guys there," as well as having fun with her friends in German club.

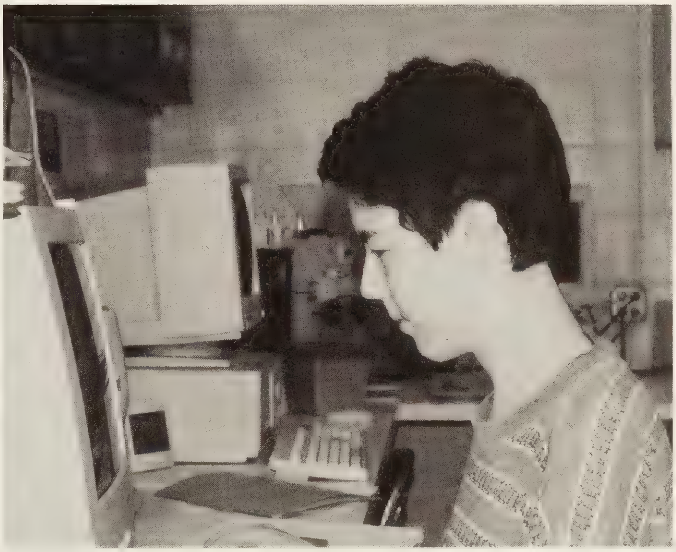
James Farmer Scholars: Row 1: L. Minor, E. Samuel, J. Woodfolk, R. Smith, T. Peters, A. King, T. Walsh; Row 2: K. Griffin, E. Washington, H. Parker, T. Jones, M. Minor, N. Parker, A. Lewis, M. Keeves; Row 3: M. Thornton, D. Jordan, L. Young, C. Holmes, C. Murphy, T. Reynolds; Row 4: J. Deane, F. Smith, K. Catlett, D. Hill, K. Parker, S. Robinson; Row 5: R. Johnson, J. Smith, R. Starkes, C. Moore, B. O'Neal, E. Conway, J. White, D. Cunningham



VICA: Row 1: R. Wright, R. Truesdill, B. Hudson; Row 2: J. Conway, S. Robinson, N. Keller, T. Pitts

Young Democrats: Row 1: J. Woodfolk, J. Pitchford, B. Chambers, E. Beattie, A. Hilliard, S. Robinson, L. Minor, E. Samuels, S. Davenport; Row 2: M. Brown, E. Washington, T. Jones, R. Smith, S. Grey, N. Walleston, T. Jones, J. Roots; Row 3: C. Morgan, D. Hill, K. Parker, L. Coker, K. Gratz, K. Griffin; Row 4: C. Johnson, M. Neashem, D. Jordan, C. Johnson, L. Brown, M. Klotzaris, E. Gunselman, K. Fiske; Row 5: A. McDermott, H. Hartman, C. Holmes, R. Starkes, E. Conway, R. Johnson, K. Coles, L. Marshall; Row 6: B. O'Neal, E. Vandermade, J. Thomas

Tools for the Future



Zeke Kassock, a sophomore in the Technical Student Association works on one of the computers in JM's shop/lab area. The TSA club has created web pages for many local museums, and done other computer-oriented projects.

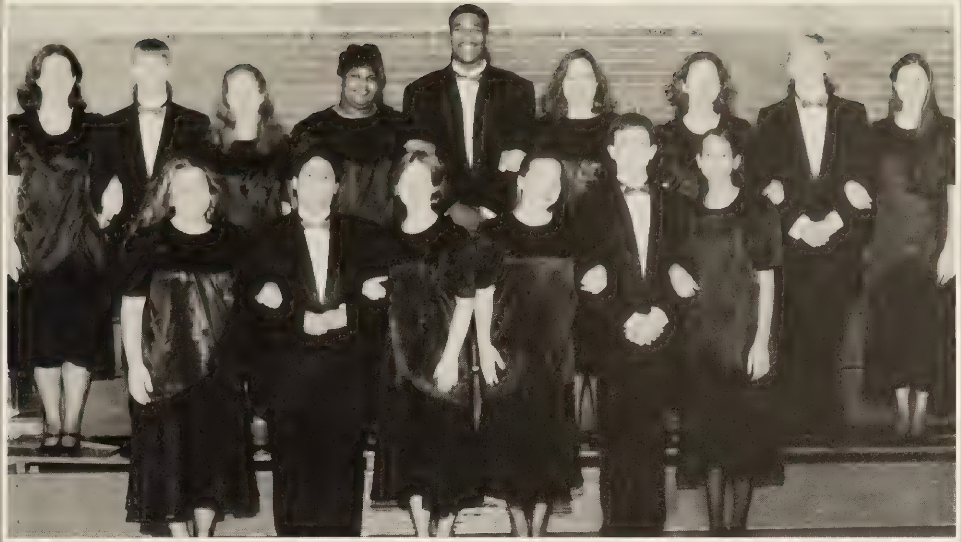
Buddy Chambers puts the finishing touches on the Young Democrat's float. Covered in red, white, and blue balloons and candidate's posters, it was a very spirited float. The young democrats also went to a Virginia Club conference at JMU.

Noteworthy Efforts

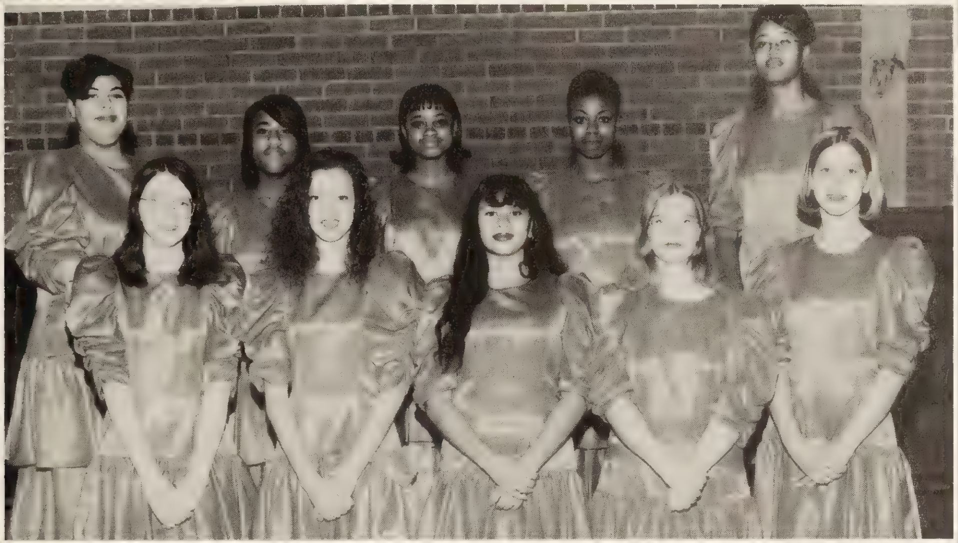
Caught in mid-snap, the Monroe Singers raise their voices in song during their Christmas Concert at the Rising Sun Tavern. JM's most advanced singing group is always extremely busy around the holidays with upwards of 20 concerts each December.

Newly installed officers and Mrs. Robinson contemplate their successful futures in America's business world. From left: Julia Woodfolk, reporter, LaToya Marshall, treasurer; Mrs. Robinson, advisor; Tameka Jones, secretary; Maria Brown, vice president; and Dwayne Long, president.

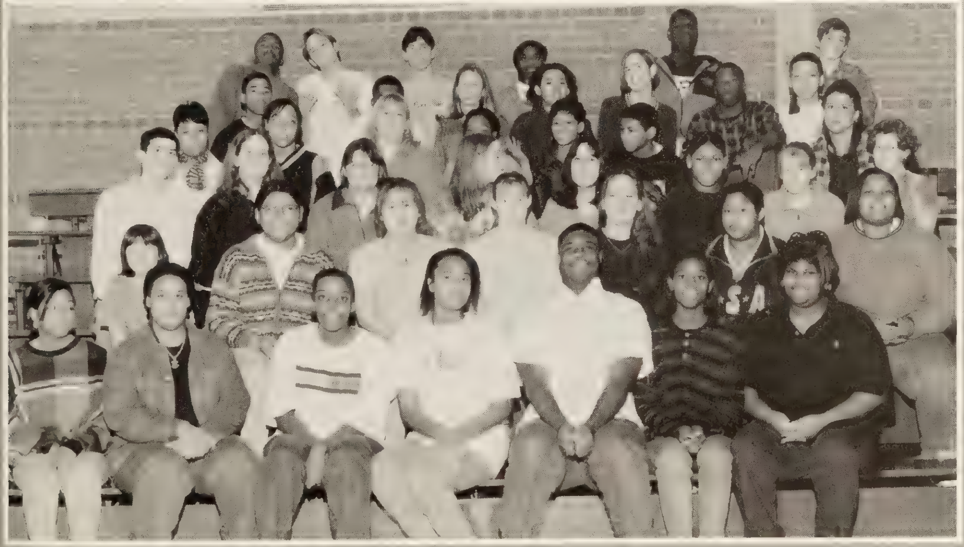
Illuminating the room through song, Sharletta Richardson and Alexia Woolfolk let their voices soar as new members of the Music-in-Motion chorus group.



Monroe Singers: Row 1: R. Eller, S. Brooks, F. Childress, T. Hartman, R. Wright, S. Robinson; Row 2: L. Ruding, B. Newton, K. Micks, J. Woodfolk, K. Battle, G. Figliola, A. Karnas, W. Hockaday, M. Sheffield



Music-in-Motion: Row 1: J. Hume, L. Lobo, M. Garcia, A. Lovett, A. Farmer; Row 2: S. Richardson, A. Woolfolk, T. Peters, N. Wollaston, J. Thomas



FBLA: Row 1: E. Samuel, L. Minor, T. Jones, M. Brown, D. Long, L. Marshall, J. Woodfolk; Row 2: K. Coak, C. Holmes, E. Gunselman, B. Mitchell, M. Klontzaris, D. Hill, T. Reynolds; Row 3: B. Chambers, M. Doughtery, K. Wright, C. Carr, D. Stallard, A. King, T. Culley, L. Smith; Row 4: Q. Woolfolk, J. Pitchford, M. Humphrey, T. Turner, J. Deane, C. Moore, R. Diez; Row 5: R. Johnson, B. O'Neal, M. Bobadilla, S. Gray, S. Goodroe, E. Conway, D. Jordan; Row 6: R. Pitchford, R. Wasem, J. Pisarik, T. Walsh, M. Thompson, P. Morrow

National Honor Society: Row 1: B. Newton, M. Johnson, C. Massey, J. Cowan, L. Ruding, D. Pierson, K. Lewis, J. Moss, J. Snyder, A. Hilliard, J. Hume; Row 2: E. Innocent, M. Love, K. Szymczack, A. Carter, R. Gosper, L. Douglas, S. Fuller, S. Bllotti, H. Olsen, F. Childress; Row 3: A. Lang, M. Barrett, N. Johnson, C. VanValkenburgh, J. LoVerdi, K. Evans; Row 4: K. Collins, M. Babadilla, C. Hwang, K. Cannon, E. Beattie, C. Sacks, A. Karnas

Thespians: Row 1: F. Childress, S. Bellotti, J. Ibarra, K. Lewis; Row 2: G. Figliola; Row 3: C. Sacks, P. Bowman, J. Martin, E. Nere, C. Madean, C. Everhart

SCA: Row 1: R. Gosper, J. Ibarra, K. Jefferson, J. Starling, T. Hartman, L. Douglas, K. Cannon, S. Chinn; Row 2: K. Micks, J. Moss, S. Jacob, K. Szymczak, B. Newton, K. Lewis, D. Wilson; Row 3: W. Hockaday, S. Beddoe, S. Jett, E. Jacob, S. Armstrong, R. Eller, L. Coker, A. Moss, K. Evans; Row 4: J. White, A. Hilliard, A. Lewis, R. Wright, K. Collins, A. Green, F. Childress; Row 5: J. Harris, A. Karnas, A. White, D. Pierson, L. Pollet, M. Sheffield, E. Deaderick, J. Pierson, K. Hicks, L. Marshall, S. Butry, M. Summers, E. Vandermade

Acting for Others

Scotty Dutry Carter Corbin
Reggie Ellis Lauren Douglas
Reggie Hankerson

Homecoming court nominees Lauren Douglas (SCA president), Eunice Washington, and Latoya Marshall (senior class president) are driven through town by Mrs. Moss in the Homecoming parade. The parade, which was resurrected by the SCA two years ago, was enjoyed by all members of JM.

Sarah Anne Fuller shares a laugh with Emily Beattie as she gives Emily carnation messages to sell. National Honor Society sells carnations every Valentine's Day to raise money for various activities.

Florence Childress instructs Georgina Figliola in a karate kick during an improvisation in the Drama III/IV class. As thespians, Georgina and Florence support theater through attending performances and performing themselves.

Giving Peace a Chance

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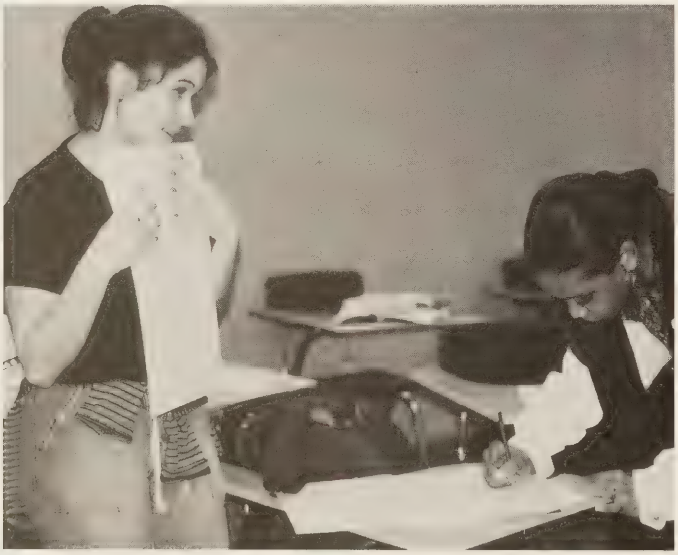
Peer mediators flash happy faces on their return trip from a region peer mediation conference held during November. The conference was a chance for peer mediators to share ideas on Peer Education And Conflict Elim



Key club secretary, Kristin Jefferson, directs club member Erica Samuels to the sign up sheet for the coming Sunday's Travelogue. For several years James Monroe has hosted Travelogue, a community sponsored event which caters to curious local travelers. The Key club provides baked goods as one of its fund-raising efforts.

The relaxed posture of yearbooker Syndy Robinson deceives the masses in the crowded stands who, for their distance from the solemn observer, cannot make out her inexplicable expression of profundity.

Yearbook: Row 1: L. Galloway, K. Hicks; Row 2: M. Barrett, M. Epp, A. Carter, L. Coker; Row 3: C. Eldridge, E. Vandermade, M. Helton, R. Eller; Row 4: S. Robinson, T. Jones; Row 5: J. Burch, A. McDermott, J. Pierson, S. Armstrong, C. MacLean-Everhart; Row 6: M. Love, L. Ross, J. Barrett; Row 7: Snyder, A. White

PEACE: Row 1: P. McNairn, J. Cline, M. Helton, L. Marshall, K. Wright; Row 2: S. Brooks, T. Wash, S. Brooks, D. Long; Row 3: S. Walker, B. Newton, A. DiGandomenico, J. Thomas, Mr. Carter; Row 4: J. Roots, M. Garcia, K. Hicks, M. Johnson, R. Batalla

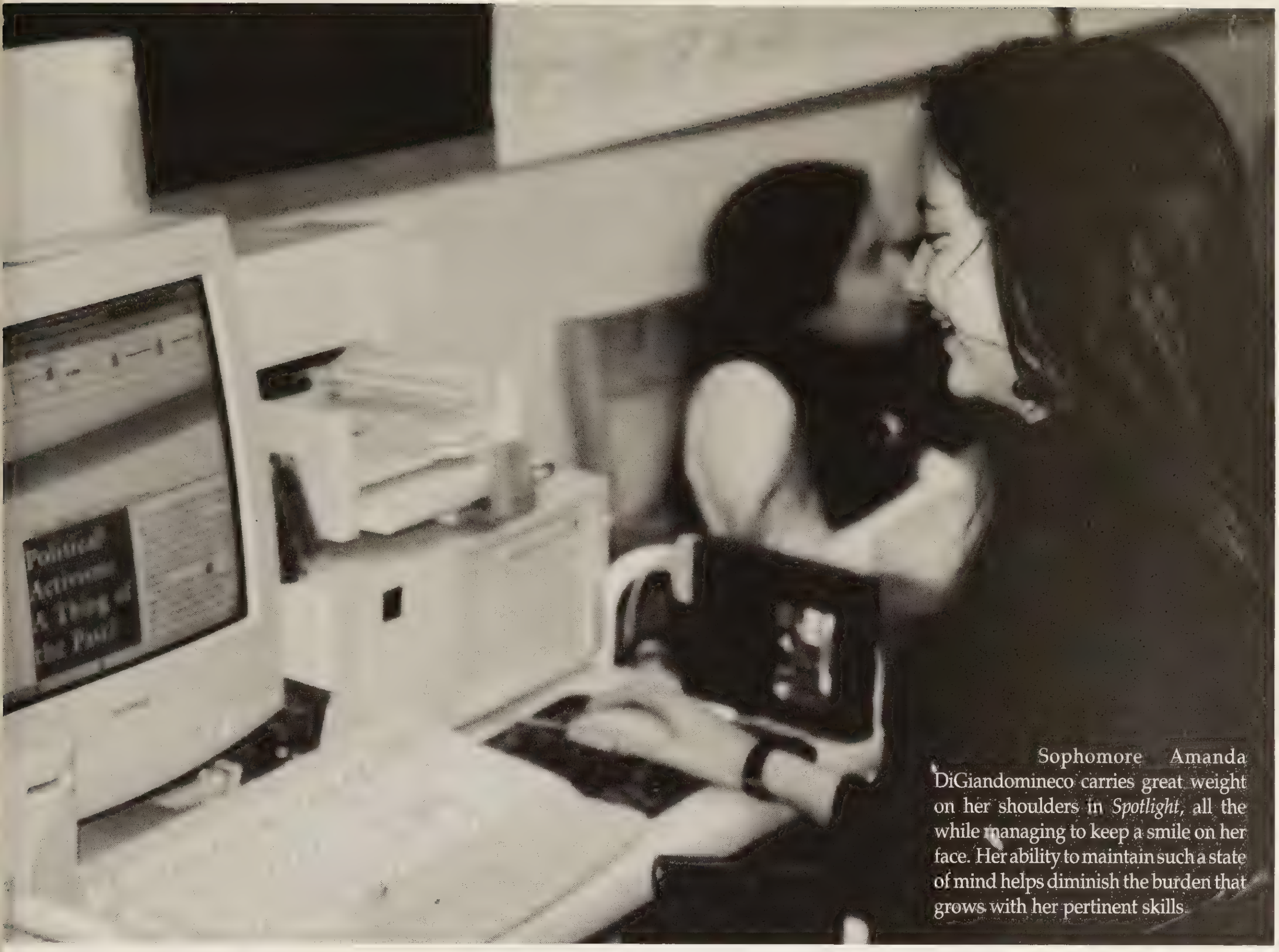
Key Club: Row 1: Ms. Harris, E. Vandermade, D. Wilson, L. Pollet, Mrs. Byrum; Row 2: A. Pollet, J. Hume, L. Elswick, S. Harris, A. Lawson, J. Dreiss, K. Gratz, E. Samuel, J. Roots, M. Ennis; Row 3: S. Jett, S. Beddoe, K. Cannon, J. Pierson, A. Shultz, S. Brooks, J. Collins, K. Lewis; Row 4: E. Kutzerice, J. Harris, J. Kertsos, J. Burch, C. Sacks, S. Bellotti, F. Childress, M. Dodson;

Spotlight: Row 1: J. Palmieri, M. Johnson, A. McAfee, C. Murphy, B. Chambers; Row 2: J. Martin, A. DiGandomenico, R. Gosper, M. Bobadilla, E. Innocent; Row 3: D. Wilson, A. Moss, K. Jefferson, D. Green, C. Sacks; Row 4: B. Schiff, J. Starling, J. O'Bannon

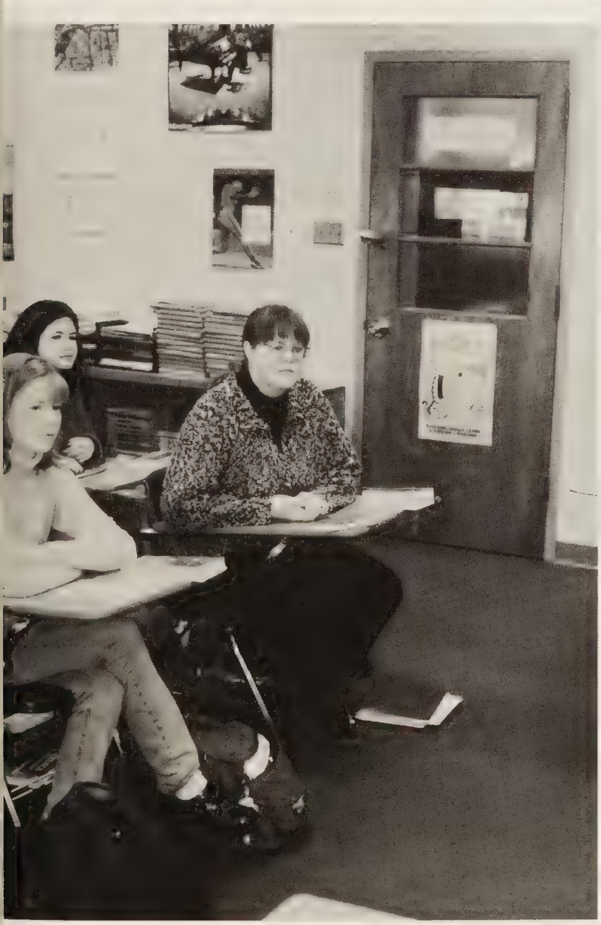
TSA: Row 1: J. Ellis, S. Langford, Z. Kassock, L. Deane, K. McDougal, M. Chambers, C. Cote; Row 2: D. Wilson, C. Hardbower, J. Roberson, D. Phillpot, Mr. Young; Row 3: C. Cheng, M. Epp, A. White, E. Beattie, S. Broks, D. Cook; Row 4: J. Cowan, I. Hise, E. Samuel, J. Boxley, T. Giewsky, J. Rhody; Row 5: Mr. McFall, D. Mausolf; Row 6: G. Kasper, A. Covington, R. Byrd, R. Parker

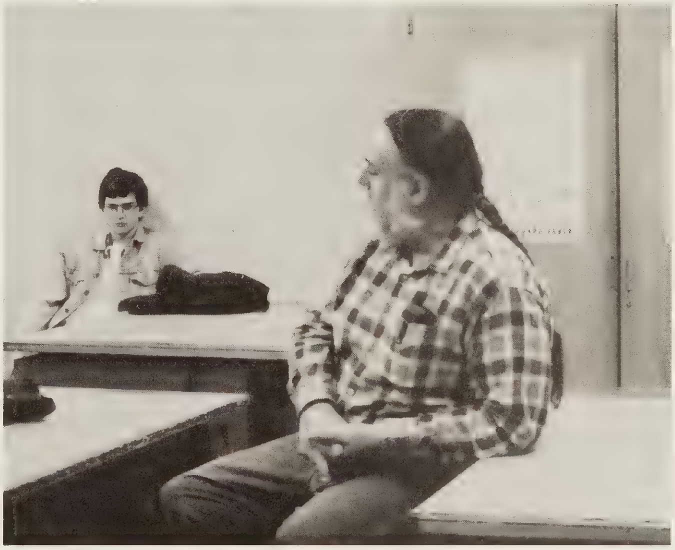
Fellowship of Christian Atheletes: Row 1: S. Beddoe, M. Helton, K. Doyle, J. Pierson, E. Vandermade, J. LoVerdi, S. Chinn, F. Childress; Row 2: Mrs. Kelly, J. Harris, S. Jett, L. Willie, K. Collins, R. Eller; Row 3: J. Kertsos, S. Carnohan, E. Deaderick, L. Pollet, K. Evans, D. Wilson, L. Coker; Row 4: H. Northcutt, J. Rooney, A. Pollet, B. Newton, S. Armstrong, A. Karnas; Row 5: M. Laskowski, D. Rodkey, A. White, M. Rodkey, A. Carter, A. Crickenburger, A. Moss

Building Connections



Sophomore Amanda DiGiandomineco carries great weight on her shoulders in *Spotlight*, all the while managing to keep a smile on her face. Her ability to maintain such a state of mind helps diminish the burden that grows with her pertinent skills.





David Mausolf listens as Mr. McFall, co-sponsor of the TSA club congratulates his members on their completion of web pages for local museums. This was the club's main activity, and they celebrated at the end of the year with a TSA social. This year marked the resurrection of the TSA club after several years of dormancy.

A regular at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes meetings on Friday mornings, Lauren Pollet enjoys sharing breakfast and fellowship. "It's a great way to start the day!" she said.

Searching for Harmony

Ms. Joyner, the new marching band director, has brought new routines to the group this year. The marching jackets made neat formations, kicked up their heels, and played many new songs. They helped keep the crowd entertained at the pep-rally and at their winter concert.

Freshman Tammy Smoot concentrates on reading her sheet music during a rehearsal for the winter concert held in December. Tammy was also the BIG WINNER of the Yearbook Sweepstakes earlier this year.

Playing his monstrous bass requires Ernie Scruggs to keep himself in perfect physical condition, demanding that he be able to both keep the instrument in an upright position and also press the thick and taught strings.

Band: Row 1: A. Briscoe, N. Parker, T. Walsh, K. English, J. Casmenedy, J. Gardner, B. Straffer, A. Wilbourne, P. McNairn; Row 2: J. Harman, D. Jordan, H. Hughes, C. Beattie, M. Minor, A. Fletcher, K. McLaughlin, B. Baden, R. Thompson; Row 3: S. Brooks, S. Anderson, A. King, J. Vasquez, E. Gardner, D. Strafer, J. McVaney, J. Roney; Row 4: C. Bousher, H. Northcutt, J. Stone, N. Rhody, J. Collins, K. Barner, D. Farmer

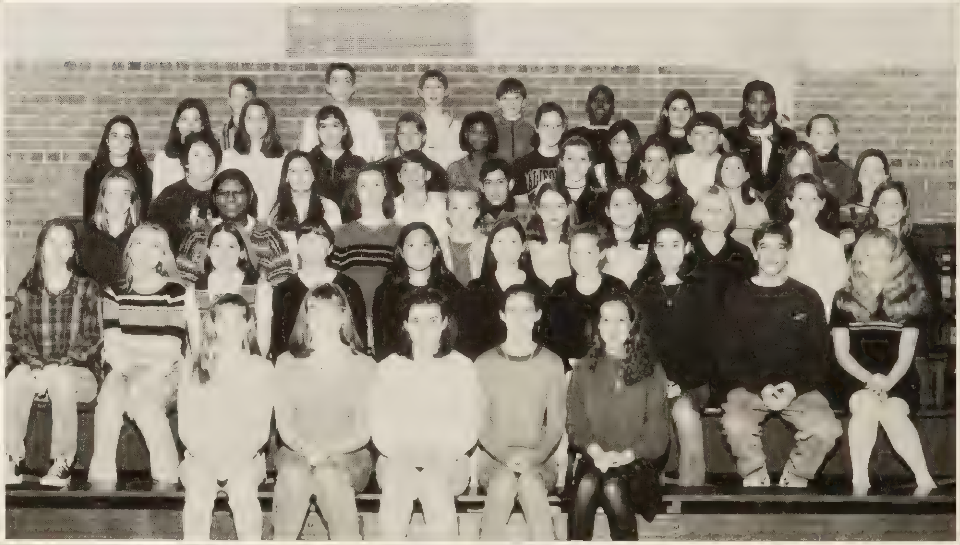
Orchestra: Row 1: T. Smoot, Mrs. Muse, K. Farnham, M. Johnson, A. Crooks, A. Rigg, Mrs. Tripp

Advanced Orchestra: Row 1: Ms. Tripp; Row 2: J. Dreiss, D. Cunningham, J. Kertsos, N. Schroer, D. Skinner, J. Matthews; Row 3: S. Nathena, J. Harris, R. Tratman, J. Chambers, A. Lewis, R. Sullivan, E. Beattie, E. Hicks, E. Deaderick, J. Burger, J. Martin, C. Hwang, L. Pollet, H. Hartman, A. Likins, E. Kutzer-Rice, L. Edwrington, J. Dogget, E. Scruggs, M. Mohs

Teenage Republicans: Row 1: K. Thorsted, L. Galloway, D. Rodkey, T. Burke, C. Thorsted, J. Pierson; Row 2: M. McNeely, A. Pollet, M. Rodkey, S. Hedlund, K. Ingalls; Row 3: S. Fuller, R. Deaderick, S. Sexton, K. Cannon, S. Bellotti; Row 4: D. Pierson, A. White, J. Cline, C. Sacks

German Club: Row 1: C. Murphy, J. Cline, E. Beattie; Row 2: J. McAffee, K. Pritchett, S. Bellotti, A. McAffee, C. Sacks, L. Willie, K. Fisk; Row 3: M. Johnson, H. Crowley, Mrs. Kelly, H. Olsen, M. Neasham, J. Roberson; Row 4: C. Pritchett, M. Campbell, C. Maddox, S. Butry, K. Hughes; Row 5: M. Humphrey, K. Hicks, T. Crickenberger, S. Robinson, M. Summers

NJHS: Row 1: E. Deaderick, M. Sittmann, A. Duggins, C. McGrail, J. Pierson; Row 2: A. Mooney, J.Gibson, S.Carnohan, L. Minniear, J. Pryor, M. Sheffield, L. Cowles, A. Green, R. McAuley, J. Burger; Row 3: H. Massey, C. Holmes, G. Straley, S. Anderson, B. Strafer, J. Gardner, M. Mohs, J. Dreiss, A. Arnold; Row 4: J. Stone, S. Brooks, J. Roony, E. Mitchell, C. Evans, N. Schroer, E. Kutzer-Rice, R. Hume; Row 5: J. Harris, J. Kertsos, L. Scott, E. Tracy, K. Farnham, L. Tillary, J. Stewart, N. Trinn, M. Dodson, J. Farmer; Row 6: S. Brown, D. Hayes, T. Rose, C. Childress, K. Griffin, D. Skinner, D. Cunningham

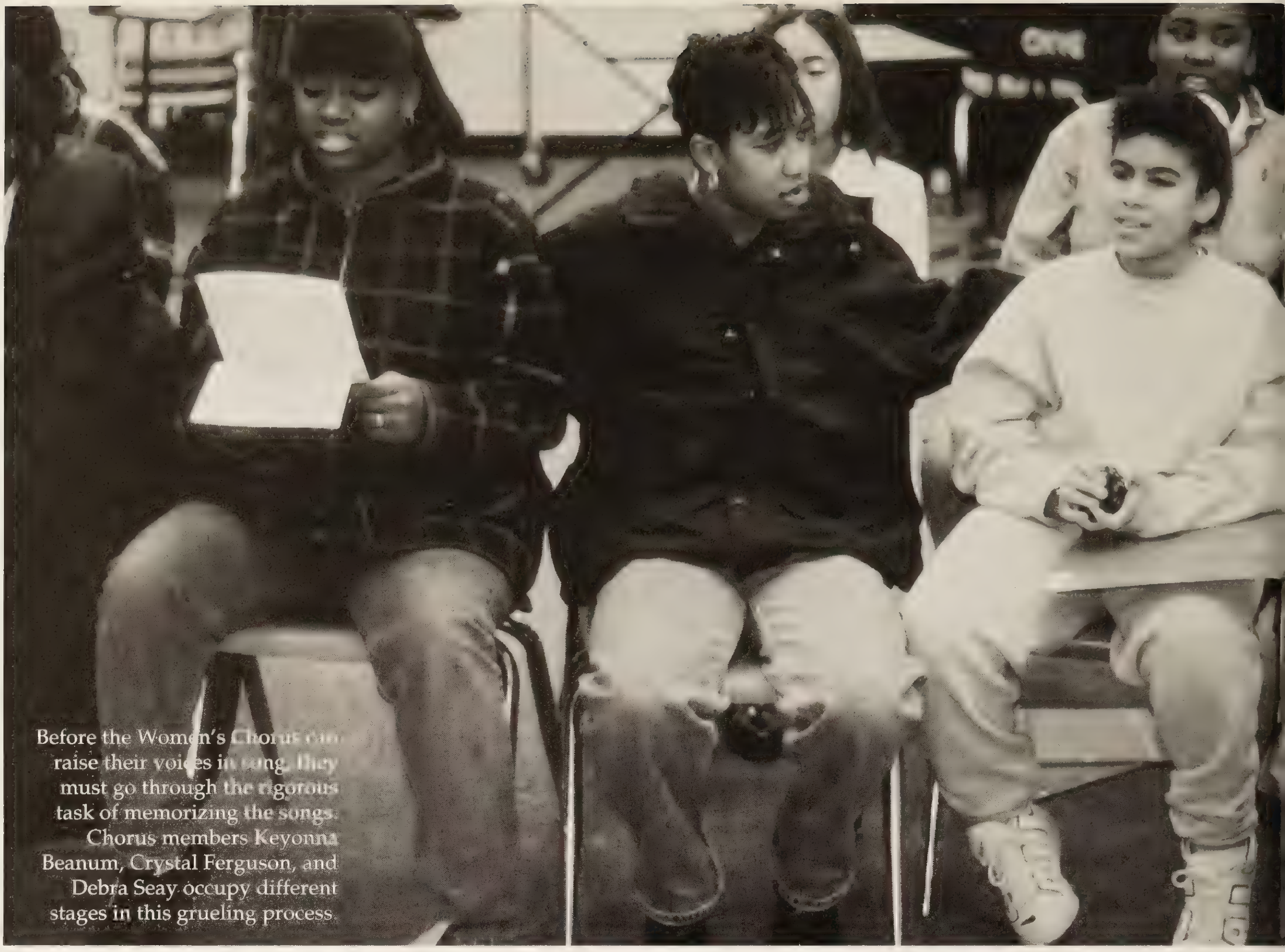


Delivery Service

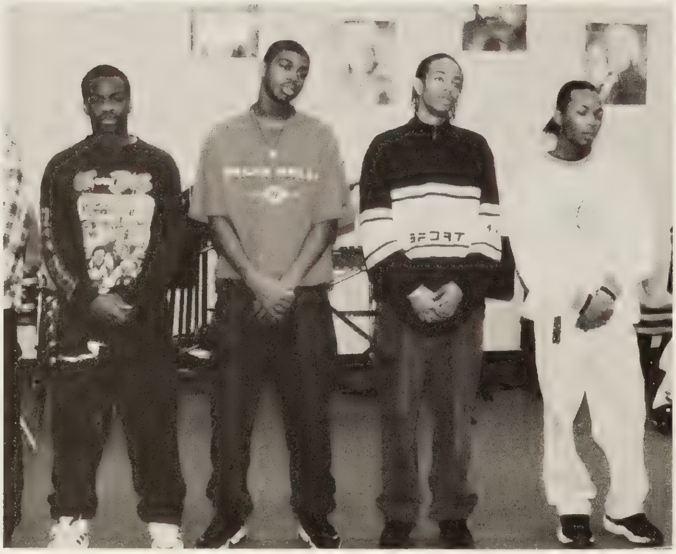
The German club's award-winning gingerbread house was the masterful work of members Chris Murphy, Hope Crowley, Cory Pritchett, and Kristin Pritchett. The German club has entered a gingerbread house in the contest at Kenmore for the past fourteen years and has brought home a blue ribbon in as many years.

Jo Stone gives a triumphant smile upon her induction into the National Junior Honor Society. Jo, a freshman, qualified by maintaining a 3.5 GPA and being recommended by a teacher.

Reach Out and Sing



Before the Women's Chorus can raise their voices in song, they must go through the rigorous task of memorizing the songs. Chorus members Keyonna Beanum, Crystal Ferguson, and Debra Seay occupy different stages in this grueling process.



Deep, strong tones of hope and deliverance originate in the sweetly vibrating vocal chords of Mens' Chorus members as they lift the awe-stricken audience of the African American Read-in Chain far from its literal location in the library.

Interact club sponsor Mr. Rovang talks with treasurer Danny Pierson. The Interact club, which is sponsored by the Fredericksburg Rotary, is a new service club this year whose projects include Big Brothers/ Big Sisters.

Women's Chorus: Row 1: K. Beanum, R. Hume, A. Arnold, N. Harr, K. Boswell, C. Taylor; Row 2: T. Smith, C. Cox, L. Willie, B. Silver, M. Helton, S. Washington, N. Garcia; Row 3: A. Slusher, A. Schultz, L. Minor, N. Jackson, R. Guevara, K. White; Row 4: R. Foster, E. Nelson, W. Dabney, L. Robinson, D. Seay, V. White, L. Wright; Row 5: C. Williams, L. Tillery, L. Marion, C. Ferguson, A. Wade, M. Parker

Men's Chorus: Row 1: L. Coles, A. Jones, E. Gowdy, B. Pritchett; Row 2: M. Thornton, P. Parker, K. Washington, M. Parker, R. Brown

Interact Club: Row 1: J. Kertsos, E. Deaderick, C. Thorsted, G. Straley, L. Galloway, J. Pierson, M. Rodkey, J. Pinkerton; Row 2: L. Coker, R. Eller, K. Collins, F. Childress, T. Hartman, S. Bellotti, E. Beattie, K. Cannon, B. Newton; Row 3: R. Smith, C. Morgan, K. Evans, C. Sacks, C. VanValkenburgh, D. Wilson, W. Hockaday; Row 4: M. Rose, J. Hogue, S. Chinn, A. Moss, R. Deaderick, M. Laskowski

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Tiffany Nelson assists a group of elderly members of the community play "CLEAN" during DECA's Fall Fling for senior citizens. The event was held at St. Mary's Church and participants were given the opportunity to talk, eat lunch, and play games. Area businesses provided the bingo prizes.

DECA: Row 1: A. Vilhauer, S. Langford, T. Lane, L. Minor, N. Ellis, E. Samuel, S. Davenport, K. Catlett, C. Johnson; Row 2: Y. Ashlock, E. Washington, N. Wollaston, C. Barnett, L. Atkinson, D. Hill, R. Smith, D. Tremblay; Row 3: J. Pitchford, T. Carter, S. Young, A. Pierce, B. Davidson, C. Johnson, M. Johnson, K. Parker, E. Gowdy; Row 4: A. McAfee, L. Willie, J. Caudle, L. Carr, L. Brown, J. Finley, S. Reschick, D. Walter; Row 5: C. Hardbower, S. Vilhauer, C. Cuniff, T. Kelley, T. Nelson, E. Juggins, L. Galimore, J. Lomax; Row 6: T. Lobo, K. Klontzaris, G. Kasper, B. Chambers, D. Rakestraw, S. Smithers, T. McKinnon, A. Hafeez

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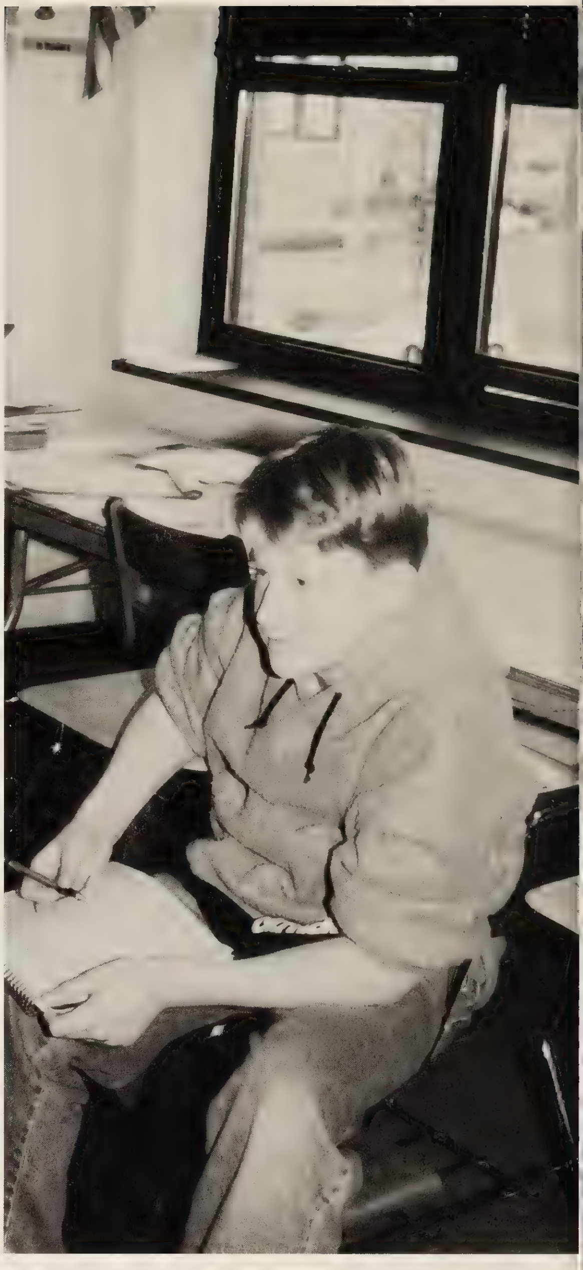
Sandy Andemariam serves herself from the smorgasbord of French delicacies during the annual French Club/Faculty Christmas Party. The French club has been throwing this party for over 15 years for the faculty, cooking many different traditional French Christmas foods and providing everyone with an excuse to eat.

The French club float was a celebration of Mardi Gras, and it sparkled from bumper to tailgate. The float was manned by French students ranging from the eccentric Patiphan Ambuel as "Super Cow" to the commonplace Paul Woody. The float was a complete success.

French Club: Row 1: M. Barrett, M. Epp, M. Bobadilla, M. Rodkey, F. Childress, R. Brently, T. Hirshel, J. Harris; Row 2: E. Jacob, S. Jett, M. Helton, A. Lawson, S. Harris, M. Neasham, J. Kertsos, J. Burger, B. Westerland; Row 3: P. Woody, D. Jordan, S. Andemariam, M. Renaud, A. Fletcher, K. Cannon, K. Ingalls; Row 4: C. Sacks, A. Wilborn, K. Parker, A. Hilliard, C. Morgan, K. Hicks, T. Crickenberger, A. Crickenburger; Row 5: P. Ambuel, J. Pryor, D. Rodkey, K. Collins, R. Deaderick, L. Galloway, S. Bellotti, P. Bowman, K. Jefferson

An interested Andrew David listens carefully as information is relayed to the Spanish club members about the traditional Spanish club outing to El Charro. The Spanish club took part in many activities, which is one of the reasons it holds the honor of having the most members.

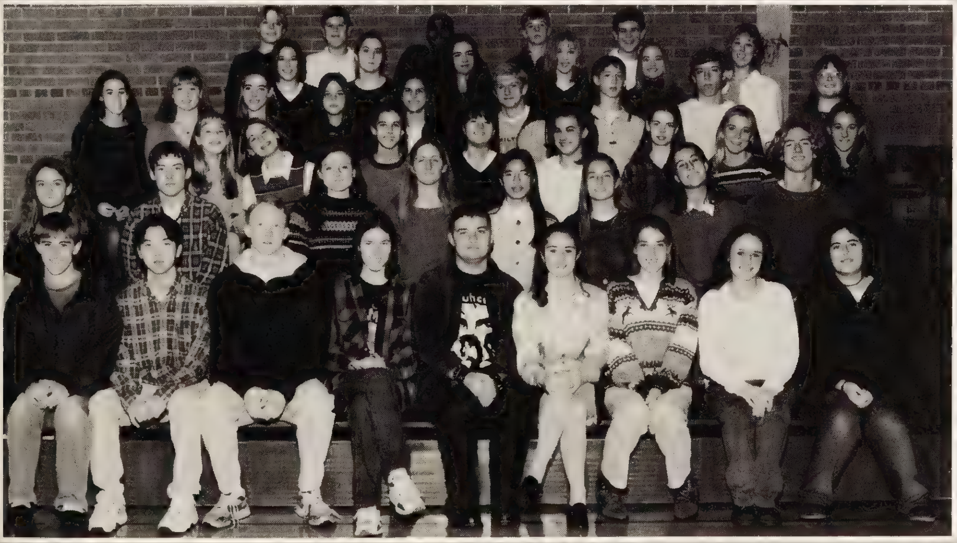
"El Club de Espanol" can be easily identified by the flag covered truck holding... a giant chile pepper. President Jimmy Ibarra and Vice-President Sarah Anne Fuller take it easy on the back of the float as it begins the ceremonial circle around Maury Field, while Anna McDermott, Reina Guerra, and Jamie Burch enjoy their positions above their leaders.



Spanish Club: Row 1: J. Hogue, M. Sheffield, K. Szymczak, R. Gosper, S. Fuller, J. Ibarra, R. Wasem, T. Hartman, K. McLaughlin, D. Wilson, D. Green; Row 2: M. Dodson, J. Harmon, S. Zacchini, S. Sexton, J. Dreiss, H. Hartman, E. Naples, B. Westerlund, L. Elswick, K. Lewis, K. Evans, T. Burke; Row 3: M. Parker, S. Harris, K. Doyle, M. Brown, C. Holmes, H. Crawley, J. Hume, K. Farnum, B. Silver, M. Dougherty; Row 4: E. Vandermade, A. Lewis, A. McDermott, A. Wilborn, J. Burch, K. Micks, A. Karnas, H. Olsen, J. LoVerdi, K. Thorsted; Row 5: J. Palmieri, C. Eldridge, J. Pierson, L. Cowles, A. Moss, J. O'Bannon, L. Coker, D. Pierson, C. VanValkenburgh, B. Newton, J. Starling; Row 6: M. Rose, J. Ellis, J. Vessles, C. Thorsted, S. Brooks, S. Burty, B. Chambers, M. Summers, J. Valencia, M. Valencia, F. Valencia

Whether in Rome, or Madrid...

Latin club member Adam Pollet catches a few z's during the annual Latin club lock-in on December twelfth. Club members stayed up all night watching movies and playing in JM's deserted hallways, as the chaperones all slept. Club sponsor Mrs. Merrill said that she was sufficiently worn out by the students to forget about the school's hard floors when it came time to sleep.



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Beyond Words

Students awaken each weekday morning and generally wish they hadn't, not because they dislike th company of their peers or even the idea of learning, bu because the school which presents them with thes positive things also provides them with the burden o work and pressure. While in the summer days an weeks blend together, schoo makes time relevant and valuable. The best way to make i through is to remember tha our effort will bring us pleasure in the future. Wit luck, our teachers will be understanding and supportive and the sharing of commo knowledge will bring us al closer.

Life management students Sammy Walker, Ralph Brown, Jesse Robinson, and Lorice Dabney indulge in the hearty lasagna they prepared earlier in class. Cooking is only one of the many practical activities these students partake in every day.

Students are not only unified through classes, but also through special events These happenings give students a unique, hands on opportunity to see and experience for themselve things that go on beyond the classroom. Whether w are listening to one of Mr. Schaller's animate lectures or reading a poem in the African America Read-In-Chain, we celebrate ourselves as student and look forward to the time when we will appreciat our school days and reap the rewards.

Florence Childress is struck by a classically quizzical look during a dramatic performance in her French III class. This activity set up by Mrs. Hansen shows the engenuity present in Jayem through its teachers and an attempt to bring fun and creativity into the classroom.

This year at the Homecoming Parade, Mr. McMahon had a splendid time directing The Swarm with his tailgating spatula. The Swarm's float consisted of an old grill, a few lawn chairs, and a bag of chips. Fortunately, their school spirit hid their obvious lack of talent in making floats.

James Bailey
Karen Barry
Robert Blackburn
Rhonda Branham
Eileen Brennan
Harriet Burch

Cindy Byrum
Robert Calloway
Bill Carter
Tim Catlett
Marcia Chaves
S.J. Cordell-Robinson

George Cralle
Lou Cralle
Jessica Cuninngham
Jewell Cunningham
Millie Donohue
Allan French

Herman Griffin
Virginia Griffin
Judith Hansen
Kelly Harris
Paulette Hawthorne
Karen Holmes

Janice Johnson
Roxanne Johnson
Gale Jones
Katherine Joyner
Cindie Kelly
Anne Kennedy

Elaine Larson
Denise Lea
Joan Leffas
Ethel Lewis
Bill Lontz
David Lovegrove

Stephen Mager
Sally Marks
Jay McFall
John McMahon
Anna Meador
Betty Merrill

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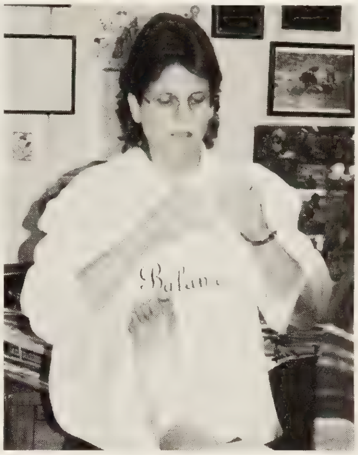
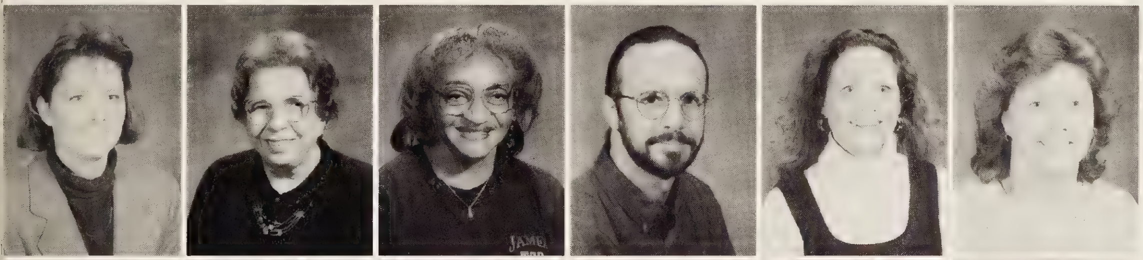
Ms. Marks grits her teeth in concentration as she applies tape to a wounded ankle. As athletic trainer here at Jayem, she not only teaches gym and driver's education but also helps to get our ailing athletes back on the playing field.





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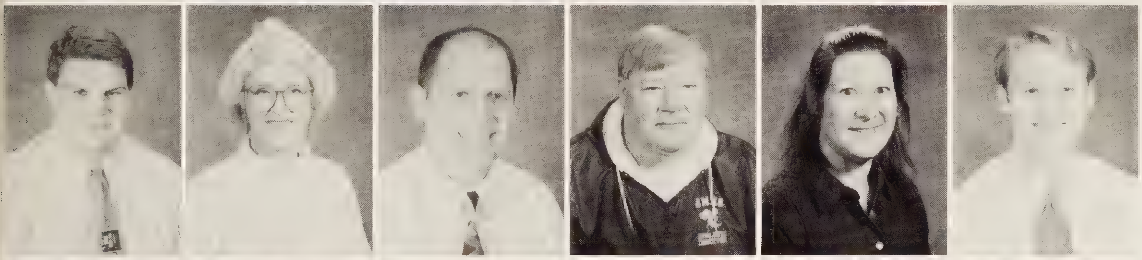
Rick Perry
Tamara Perry
Dinah Robinson



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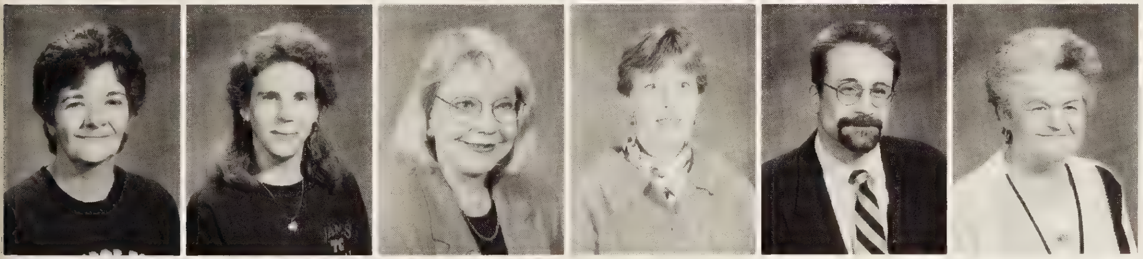

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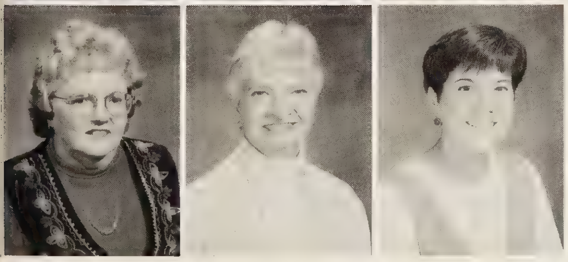


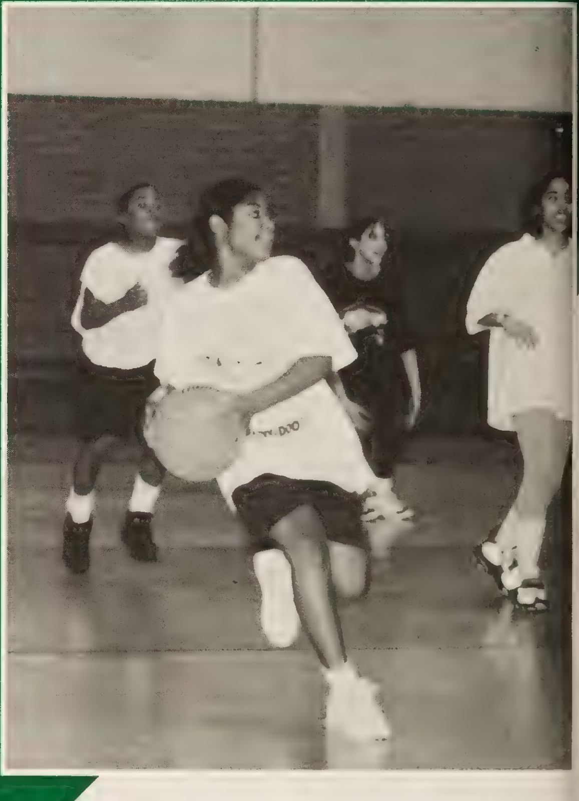
Peggy Winn
Norma Woodward
Allyson Young

It can be a thrilling time at the end of the school year when we are all yanked out of our classes by guidance counselors urging us to choose our new classes for the following year. Maybe it's because we enjoy the thought of our rising through the high school hierarchy, or maybe because we anticipate the change. Whatever it is, it's refreshing. Most of us think to ourselves, "Hmmm, keyboarding would be a useful class," or, "Hey, Journalism would look good on my college applications." However, not too many of us look at classes like Algebra and think, "This looks fascinating." The majority of us take our core classes for granted, not realizing how significant these courses are to our futures. Classes like World History, Biology, and Health may not sound intriguing, but these are topics that every high schooler must cover.

English classes add a romantic sparkle to our strenuous days if they manage to rise above the dank grammatical lowlands for a liberating flight through the airy regions of unaffected thought. Those can be fun. Our strong math department stirs challenge while our science classes add fresh theories and inspiration of what is to come. Our history classes help place everything into perspective as we begin to form our own opinions.

Freshman Aaron Plummer focuses all of his concentration on World History as this is one of the most difficult classes on a freshman's schedule. No matter what the time, place, or method, studying is a vital part of any class. A bout of procrastination or forgetfulness can damage your average and if you're a senior, it could mean the difference between graduation or repetition.

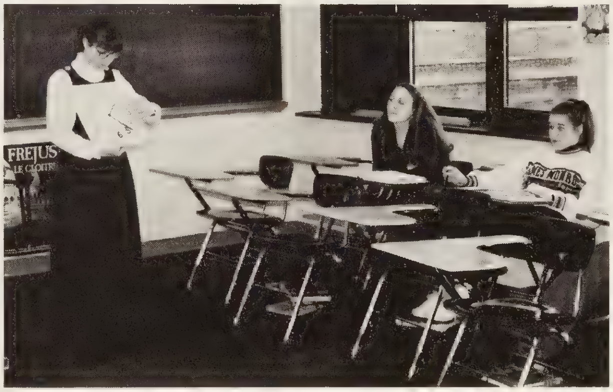
"Buzz!" Eileen Naples and Emily Nere sit poised with their fingers on and near their buzzers as they anxiously await the question. This scene unfolds in Mrs. Hansen's Advanced English 10 class during a project matching titles of books with their respective authors.



Jennifer Long exhibits both basketball skills and good sportsmanship, two things learned in her eighth grade gym class. Gym is not only a source of physical activity, but also an alternative to the desk-and-chair class.

Hard Core Classes

Building a Foundation



Betty Westerlund and Brianne Mitchell happily "roast" their glass tube as if it was a scrumptious marshmallow. This happy scene in the Chemistry lab is only dampened by the brief thought that the method of roasting is a Bunsen burner and not a rustic campfire.

Patiently absorbing the art of time telling in German, Emily Beattie and Heather Olsen gaze curiously at Mrs. Kelly. The skill of telling time is one of the first priorities in most first year languages.

Happily providing a refreshing smile , Kate Gratz seems to have harnessed a bit of joy that some find so hard to come by in Algebra II class as Mrs. Cralle assigns the homework.

FineTuning

Fine Arts: an activity requiring a fine skill, concerning primarily the creation of beauty. This definition clearly reflects the creativity which flows through our halls. Whether it is the murals decorating the walls or the orchestra's tuning which echoes through the school, fine arts direct and develop the many talents of students.

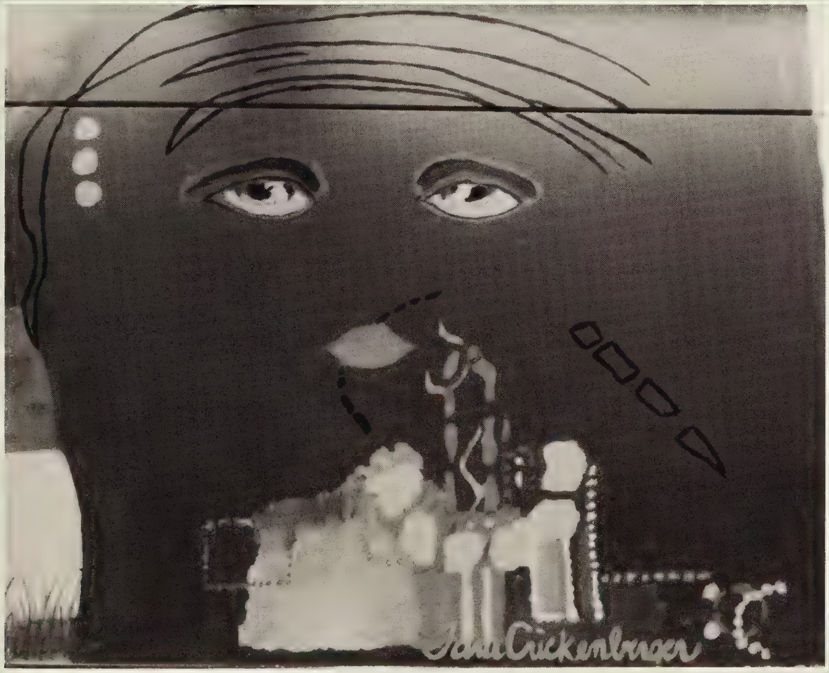
This year, JM welcomed Ms. Joyner, the new band director. Her expertise and enthusiasm have marched the band to new heights in music. Quad drummer James Collins speaks well of Ms. Joyner. "She works us hard and expects a lot from us. But I hope she stays until I get out of high school." Just as the band has this year excelled under a new leader, the Drama department, headed by Mrs. Perry, was the first runner-up at the State level of the One Act Competition, and, with a cast consisting of mostly juniors, the stars of Drama will only shine brighter. Adding to our accomplishments, twelve out of the fifteen students who tried out for District Chorus from JM made it. To compliment our school's growing prestige, the blank white walls have become the canvases for many art students. Maybe in time the bathroom's graffiti will be replaced with similar works. Hopefully, the works produced by each student will lead to increased respect and realization of our worth by the outside, as we are recognized as key contributors to our community and culture.

Jessica Burger grits her teeth in concentration as her fingers move rapidly up and down the strings of her violin. As part of the James Monroe Orchestra, she devotes much of her time to practicing and trying to achieve perfection in her playing. Jessica had many chances to show off her beautiful skills in the performances that the orchestra gives every year.

Pulled from their respective floats, still dressed in suiting garb, the many singing groups unite under their mentor, Ms. Carr, to sing our newly revived school song. Students seated in the stands were invited to join, and many did in appreciation of this motley choral group.

After their performance of "Santa's Spectacles," the Drama II class poses for a picture with their adoring fans, the Headstart students from James Monroe and Walker Grant. This year, the cast was given an opportunity to perform both at James Monroe and Hugh Mercer for the first time, providing students new to Drama with a chance to gain experience before a crowd.

Drum major Robyn Thompson directs the James Monroe Marching Band in their award-winning half-time performance, which included the theme song from *Forrest Gump*. This is Robyn's first year being a drum major; her rhythmic talents aided her in achieving this role.



This year, many of the walls of James Monroe have come alive with colorful representations of novels taught by English and foreign language teachers. Among the talented artists is Tara Crickenberger, who carefully depicted the story of *The Great Gatsby*. Tara has been part of the art program for three years and has excelled at large scale painting. She claims art creates a carefree atmosphere in which she is able to relax and let her thoughts flow freely. Although these murals aren't as complex as Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel, which took him years to do, the students were able to accomplish their task in only a few weeks. Yet students' artwork is just as big of an attraction as that of more famous artists.

The furious clicking of keys in the computer labs, the wrenching of a saw against wood in cabinet making, the warm chug of a car engine, and the ding of the oven warning that the brownies are done are the daily sounds of our vocational department. Vocational classes are unique in that they offer students a different type of education which enables them to take what they learn in class and apply it to work, jobs, and daily life.

Troy McKennan utilizes his DECA skills as he mingles his way to the top at a banquet held in honor of the Fredericksburg Gardners. As always DECA students did an excellent job managing the program. They provided tasty treats and entertainment by the Monroe Singers.

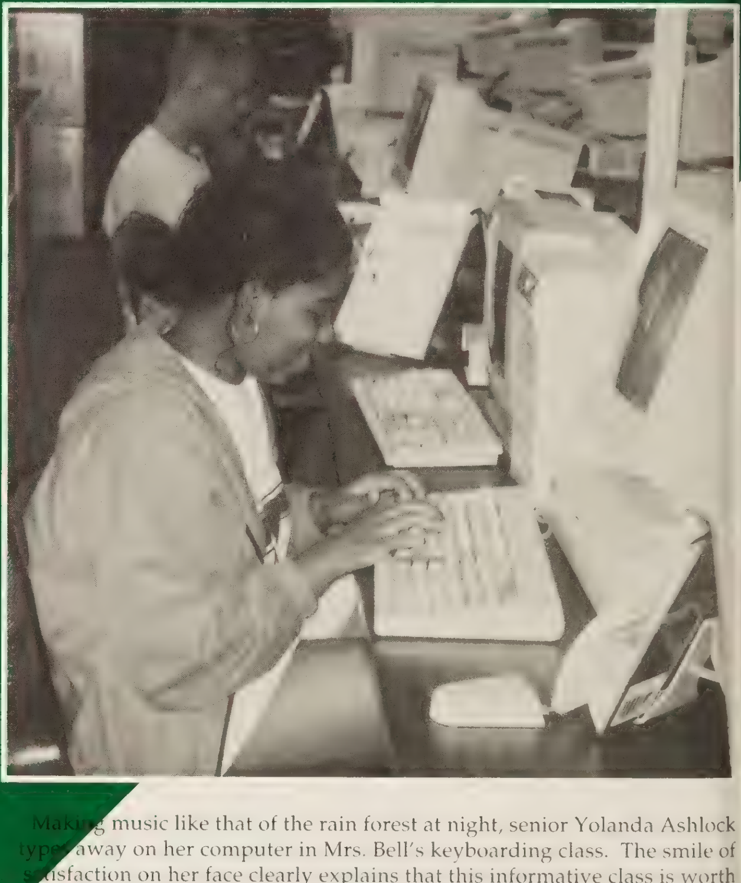
Many DECA members participated in the Gardners of Fredericksburg Banquet honoring all Fredericksburg Gardners. "It was fun meeting all those people at Mr. Gardner's banquet. We spoke with Mayor Greenup, and some other city officials showed up too. It was also cool that we could thank the Gardners of Fredericksburg; they deserve thanks for all they do," replied Lori Atkinson.

Life Management skills is an example of a vocational class that focuses on improving the little things in students' lives. The class learns cooking, budgeting money, and many other things of use.

The Building Maintenance classes with the new instructor, Mr. Crocco, provides their services to teachers. They repair minor problems in the classroom, improving both the teaching environment and the students' skills.

The vocational program is not only an aspect of school which students easily see as practical, it is a place where students can find their niche and hopefully use these skills throughout life.

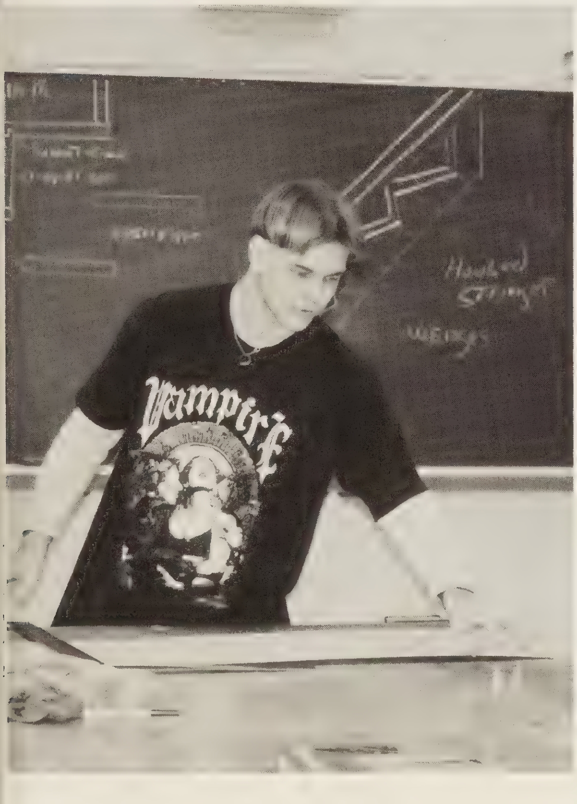
. . . and this is the house that Stephen built. Stephen Baker works diligently on completing his model of the inside and outside of a building in Building Maintenance class. This year, guided by a new teacher, Mr. Crocco, the students are given the opportunity to do hands-on tasks, which prepare them for later obstacles in life.



Making music like that of the rain forest at night, senior Yolanda Ashlock types away on her computer in Mrs. Bell's keyboarding class. The smile of satisfaction on her face clearly explains that this informative class is worth taking in the long run, since typing is an essential ability in the working world.

Sharpening Skills

Loni Preston would be ahead of most of us simply by knowing the word for this twisted, powerful device; far beyond that, however, Loni can operate the thing with the cool, confident smile of self-assurance donned only by the most exceptional of vocational students.



"I solemnly pledge myself to carry out, to the best of my ability, all the duties and responsibilities of being an officer of DECA." At the beginning of the year, as each new officer of DECA is inducted, they recite a pledge showing their loyalty to this business organization. Our DECA officers compete in many levels up to the state level and hold numerous positions and offices.

Cleverly assessing the prowess of the chosen board for the assigned project, Greg Mauck considers the turnout and his grade. He keeps the carpentry book a short distance away so that questions may be easily answered and problems easily overcome.

Touching Lives

Teachers and Students

Many teachers are viewed as untouchable characters whose only home is an inaffable chair behind a desk in disarray. A student finds himself subconsciously coming to believe that teachers are not at all real, but rather a bothersome group of beings that somehow fades away as the hinges of the school doors grind to a close. The first teacher a student comes to know as a friend beyond the restrictive context of instruction brings about a great revelation. It occurs to the student that, conceivably, every teacher he has ever had is an actual human .

Behind this commonly seen proximity between students and teachers lies a reassuring reality: that people, whatever generation or profession, share a certain something, a piece of themselves, however small, that exists among all human beings. Oftentimes this submarine, stealthy component surfaces, forming friendships across any number of generation gaps.

In high school, most students have accepted this trying abstraction, and the ability to speak freely with a teacher makes class more bearable and help more easily attained. Within your present field of vision, these two modest leaves of paper, far more than pictures and words appear. As is always the case with yearbook pages, these are but the canvas upon which something remarkably human is made manifest. That remarkable something is the perfect inevitability of the discovery of meaningful relationships in any circumstance, even between teachers and students.

The teacher student relationship is usually a tricky one, but for Monroe Singer Katharine Micks, the good times outnumber the bad. Facilitated by the friendship of a teacher like Ms. Carr, the years seem to fly by. As a member of the Monroe Singers, and an aide to Ms. Carr, Katharine has developed a long-lasting relationship with her that will continue throughout her high school years and beyond.

Because she is always prepared to talk about anything with teenage girls in need of help in both academic and personal fields, Mrs. Bell's audience of young and eager advice-seekers is ever-expanding.

If only school were as fun and easy as chatting on the phone with good friends. Fortunately for Mrs. Perry and Pru Bowman, getting a chance to socialize in and out of drama class makes their day easier.

"I clean the tables to be nice, and so that they will be cleaner." Calvin Minor shows his humanitarian side by contributing to the school's every day beautification. Over the last summer, his relationship with Ms. Baker and Ms. Ely has grown exponentially.

Always a devoted student, Catesby Massey has learned to make use of every available facility, including her teachers. While most students know that their teachers will accept phone calls at home, few students use the option, and few teachers receive as many calls as Mrs. Merrill. These calls are a hardship that every Latin teacher must bear, due to the nature of the subject, especially the difficulty and length of homework assignments. Catesby has been in Latin for five years, a feat which only the strong survive. Through the years of Cicero, Horace, Catullus, and Vergil, Catesby has, in trying times, been among Mrs. Merrill's closest phone fellows.

Speaking Out

One-Act; African American Read-In Chain

This year's special events set the year apart from years before. The One-Act play traveled farther in competition than in previous years, and the African American Read-In Chain was another day filled with pride, laughter, and touching recognition. The spirit and morale of all involved in these events are what made them special. The products were as good as the enthusiasm and effort they were given.

The African American Read-In Chain was a huge success this year. We had many special guests from the community come and read or perform. These guests included school officials, city officials, and a few people from local churches. These guests offered a variety in the performance schedule as well as entertainment. As always, many students participated, reading favorite poems or reciting original ones. Some of our school's staff got into the act as well. Mrs. Ely recited her original poem entitled "The Prize" that expressed the need for love and acceptance in today's world.

Once again, the Read-In Chain was a success, and a bright view of a side of culture that we, as a whole, sometimes brush aside.

The One-Act Play also soared above the expected limits this year. The 35 minute play entitled "Fortress" follows two hurt children through adolescence as they struggle to tear down their self-inflicted fortresses, and build trust with others. Chris Maclean-Everhart and Kendra Lewis headed up the cast as Billy and Kim. Behind these two main characters were several individuals who were both extra characters and also part of the scenery and props. The extraordinary cast blew the district competition away and went on to Regionals where they placed second. After that, it was on to States where they placed third and Kendra Lewis was named Best Actress. "It was a good experience. I had a great time and the people were great," said Kendra Lewis fondly. Crew member Matt Mitchell said that "Being on the crew was fun. I learned a lot about acting techniques from watching the cast."

All in all, these special events boosted the reputation of our school in its continued battle for excellence.

Chris Maclean-Everhart, Billy of "Fortress" fame, shrinks back as his pee
ridicule him for being friends with Kim (Kendra Lewis). The incredibl
emotion seen in Kendra Lewis' and Chris Everhart's faces was a key to the
succes

Billy (Chris Maclean-Everhart) sits down to dinner with his parents. Billy tur
against his parents when he finds out that he's adopted, and continues to buil
a wall to protect himself, to keep from rebuilding a trust with anyone th
could be so painful when broken. The name Fortress is indeed fittin

Samantha Washington's reading of the powerful poem "Chocolate Man" by Phillis M. Bynum is so poignant that many people were moved to tears. Many students performed the poems during the day that added to the emotional side of the Read-In Chain.

Standing tall and proud, Jyna Roots recites "Ego Tripping" by Nikki Giovanni. Jyna expressed strong interest in her heritage as she was eager to participate in this year's Read-In Chain.

Amanda Jackson grabs the attention of the students and teachers as she recites her original poem, "Tangled Situation." Performing an original work in front of one's peers takes courage and confidence in order to read the piece well.

Complete with shades and snazzy suspenders, Rev. Jarvis Bailey prepares to recite "In the Morning" by Paul Laurence Dunbar. Rev. Bailey was one of the inspirational guest speakers who enlightened the student body at the 1998 African American Read-In Chain.

Before being called to make her appearance on stage, Jaime Garnett starts to "get in character". She plays Gloria, a racy secretary who is the catalyst for Rose and Albert's temporary break-up.

Kim MacAfee (Sarah Jacob) sings about the joys of being a woman after she and Hugo Peabody "get pinned". Ironically she is holding a teddy bear and sporting boyish clothing.

In the MacAfee kitchen, Georgina Figliola, as Rose Alvarez, is upset with Jay Starling, her boyfriend Albert Peterson, because he hired another secretary, Gloria. Rose tells Albert that their relationship is over and dramatically storms out of his life.

In front of a large crowd of wild teenage girls in Sweet Apple, Ohio, Jeff Morgan, who plays the superstar Conrad Birdie, lets the crowd know how to be "sincere."

"We love you, Conrad!"

Bye, Bye Birdie

Unlike the class of 1997, this year's seniors were not abounding with Monroe Singers or Drama students. No, these students chose to wait until the tryouts for *Bye, Bye Birdie* to debut their talents. Students without prior experience proved themselves adept at singing, acting, and otherwise running a play. They overcame a seeming disadvantage to equal, if not surpass, the works of past years' senior classes. As usual, the senior play brought in huge turnouts and was an undeniable success.

The cast was headed by Jay Starling and Georgina Figliola, in the roles of Albert Peterson and Rose Alvarez respectively. Other lead roles were filled by Sarah Jacob as Kim MacAfee, Jeff Morgan as Conrad Birdie, and Katie Hicks as Mae Peterson, Albert's mother. Between crowds of fanatically screaming teenagers, Albert and Rose devise an intricate plan to send Albert back to college, so they can get married. As part of a promotional stunt, Conrad plans to kiss Kim on the Ed Sullivan Show before entering the Army.

Early Saturdays, long nights, and pizza parties served to strengthen the cast's acting as well as bonding them together. Say Megan Epp and Katie Hicks of the experience: "We helped to encourage each other and formed friendships that would have otherwise not existed. It was fun!"

Standing in Penn Station, New York, Albert leads the chorus of teen girls in wishing Conrad a sad farewell as he leaves for Sweet Apple, Ohio in their trademark song, "We love you, Conrad."

Forever the little boy, Matt Agee who plays ten-year-old Randolph MacAfee, amuses himself while his sister Kim (Sarah Jacob) finds out Conrad Birdie is going to kiss her.

Going the Distance

The question has been asked: Why do we play sports? Why do we get ourselves bruised and bloody to get a ball from one side of a field to another? Why do we spend s much time and effort, so much sweat and toil, to simpl get exercise and the privilege to shout, "I won"?

Nothing is sweeter than a hard-earned victory, especially for this JV field hockey team. Under a new coach, they quietly marched through the district to win both the regular season title and the tournament, giving them the right to shout "We're Number One" for everyone to hear.

We play sports becaus they enrich us. They discipline our minds as well as our bodies. We don't hav to be the best athlete on th team or the best team in th state if we can only look bac and say that we accomplished something. Sports give us a chance to excel i an imaginary setting, a playful conflict, a world separate from our normal life a home and school. They teach us to deal with failure a well as victory. Teammates become friends, and th practices are the shared pain that pull us together.

We play sports because they are part of the high schoo experience as much as any other academic or extracurricular activity. Whether we play on a team or simpl cheer from the bleachers with our faces painted, w participate in the sport and remember it as a significan part of our high school life which cannot be forgotten.

Cross Country combines all the elements of running: endurance, sprinting, and hurdles. Drew Rodkey's long legs are an adventage not only in cross-country, but in swimming where he also excels.

Flowing down the court with the recently stolen ball, Loni Preston looks to pass to a teammate in better position. Under the leadership of senior captains Reggie Ellis and Colby Edwards, the basketball team earned a winning record.

Crystal Johnson, a sophomore veteran on the team, passes the ball off to an open teammate. Crystal's hard work and determination helped to provide a solid team effort every game...and if the ball is ever near Crystal, you can bet she is hustling after it.

Working hard, Katrina Cannon gets in position for a rebound. Her continual effort and constant aggression made other teams cower below her. It has also led to a strong recovery from last year, which ended with a broken ankle.

Quickly moving to get open, Courtney Morgan shoots out of the lineup closely followed by Crystal Johnson, Stephanie Gray, and Katrina Cannon. Inbound plays take teamwork to execute correctly. The players on the court all must break to their appropriate spot while the inbounder herself must make split second decisions about where and when to throw the ball.

JAMES MONROE
40
45

JAMES MONROE
22
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This pregame rally is a manifestation of the team's enthusiasm and spirit, as they prepare for the Caroline game. Their excitement, and loss of balance, could be attributed to that night being Parents' Night. A classic beginning to all varsity games, this one seems to have caught the girls off guard and sent them tumbling.

After four years in the program, Tammie Hayden, Katie Hicks, Stephanie Gray, LaToya Marshall, and Elizabeth Zirkle join together with smiling faces on Parents' Night. Parents' Night highlights seniors by giving them special recognition and a gift. This year the girls were presented with flowers and their name plate from the display roster in the gym.

Moving Forward

The Lady Jackets basketball team started out extremely well by winning the Colonial Beach Tip-Off Tournament for the first time, and bringing home a rather large trophy, which boosted their spirit tremendously. The team's excitement and energy was increased by their new uniforms and warm-up tops. They credited these early victories to their new coach, Ms. Lauderdale, and indirectly to the tough practices to which she subjected them.

While in the first nine games these practices paid off with a winning record of 5-3, the team faded in the latter half of the season, winning only one more game. The Jackets fared considerably better in non-district play, during which they defeated Colonial Beach three times and Washington & Lee once. Their lone district win was against King George, whom they had beaten earlier to win the Colonial Beach Tip-Off Tournament. The Lady Jackets look to many winning seasons ahead under the guidance of Coach Lauderdale.

To end the season, the girls' basketball team lost their district playoff game to Spotsylvania to claim fifth in the district. At the season's finale, Katie Hicks was named to the second All-District team and Courtney Morgan claimed a spot on the Honorable Mention All-District team.

> "It was strange after four years of the same routine to have a new coach come in and set up a new structure. But her motivation and enthusiasm quickly spread through us."
> -Katie Hicks

THE SPORTSMANS CREED

Row 1: C. Morgan and C. Johnson Row 2: S. Gray, T. Hayden, A. Wilborn, K. Cannon, L. Marshall, K. Hicks, L. Brown, J. Pinkerton, L. Ogren, E. Zirkle

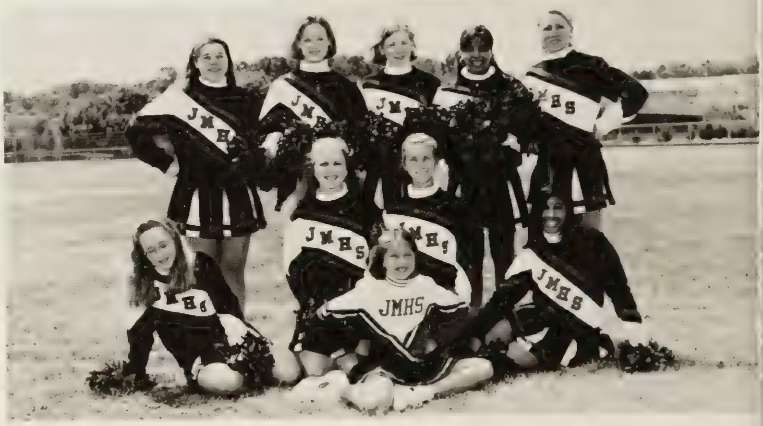
Liberty	72	20	JM	19	53	George Mason
Colonial Beach	31	55	JM	27	23	King George
King George	31	37	JM	29	62	Spotsylvania
Washington & Lee	40	39	JM	41	50	Caroline
Colonial Beach	26	42	JM	34	67	Louisa
Liberty	58	34	JM	24	57	Orange
Washington & Lee	25	37	JM	27	41	King George
Colonial Beach	37	53	JM	35	54	Spotsylvania
Louisa	73	24	JM	34	65	Caroline
Orange	62	23	JM	31	50	Spotsylvania

Season 6 - 14

This year James Monroe played football on Halloween. During the first half, the cheerleaders carried on as normal and hid the extra bags, filled with candy, to be thrown at the fans. Jessica Cline summed up this night along with many other events of the season: "This was a wild season."

Cheerleaders are just as dedicated to the sport of football as the team for which they cheer. Despite the weather, Allyson Hilliard and Kate Doyle keep on cheering, proving that "the show must go on".

Being a varsity cheerleader does not always mean being an upperclassman. Stephanie Harris, only a sophomore, cheers for the players. "It was fun being on varsity with all the older girls. I got to know girls that I did not even talk to before. Overall, it was a great experience."



Row 1: K. Pastell; Row 2: S. Lang, S. Harris, L. Ross, A. Hilliard; Row 3:
Olsen, K. Doyle, M. Helton, S. Davenport, J. Lockl

Who's the Best?
J.M.H.S!

"Give me a 'J'!" The spirit of the varsity cheerleading squad carried from girl to girl this season. Echoes of their cheers were heard reverberating down all the streets leading from Maury Stadium. This squad's enthusiasm led the football team to many victories, and the fans followed them in some wild cheers. To assist the girls in cheers, and especially jumps, Mrs. Crismon brought in an experienced cheerleader from James Madison University, Stephanie Bauer. Mrs. Crismon said "It was nice having some help with the girls. We really appreciated Stephanie coming in and teaching us new jumps."

"The team really clicked this year. We worked a lot harder. I thought we were obviously more in synch overall," recalls Syreeta Davenport. "Our jumps improved a lot, which made a big difference."

The '97 squad was easy to recognize: the girls all had contagious smiles. The football cheerleaders were refreshing rays of sunshine on cloudy days. Their siren-like chants brought record crowds and helped to bring the school together in spirit.

Co-captains Lauren Ross and Allyson Hilliard's enthusiasm was not always rewarded, but it was always noticed. Their energy not only led spirited fans, but pumped up their fellow cheerleaders as well. "Being a captain is a lot harder than most people think. There is a lot more work involved, since it's our job to get the girls prepped for the game," said Lauren Ross.

In order to keep the crowd going, cheerleaders practice every week to make sure everything from their choreography to their facial expressions is in synch. The crowd is always especially anxious for the signed footballs and candy the cheerleaders toss. Many times cheerleaders are asked to compose their own cheers, which encourages creativity and enthusiasm within the squad.

Rusty Wasem wrestles himself to the ground in an attempt to perfect his stretching technique. All Cross Country runners must be yoga masters to avoid the painful injuries that result from pulled muscles and tendons.

Drew Rodkey, Elvis Jiminez, April McAfee, and Jennifer Locklin listen attentively to Coach Calloway's sagely advice. Though the team's fearless leader doesn't run often himself, he is known to plod on occasion.

They keep going... and going...

Imagine this: it is the day of James Monroe's Cross Country meet against Essex and Colonial Beach. The other teams appear cocky; they feel sure that they will decimate JM in the races. Our runners overhear them saying as much. The teams stretch and line up, the gun goes off, and the runners pass over 3.1 miles of hills and paths. When the JM team regroups afterward, hot and tired, they realize that all seven runners of-the boys' team have placed in the top ten. James Monroe has won the meet by a wide and decisive margin.

This is one story from the 1997 Cross Country season, but it is not an incredibly unique one. Several times the team encountered larger teams from schools of much greater population and emerged victorious.

The Cross Country team could never be accused of lacking work ethic; members ran up to six miles at practice every day. This season the team worked harder than ever before, implementing new techniques brought from New York by new member Serge Hedlund who played a major part in leading the team to Regionals. The boys' team was also strengthened by Michael Dillard, Rusty Wasem, Kent Ingalls and new members Drew Rodkey and Elvis Jiminez. The girls' team was led by first-time runner Kate Doyle, who went all the way to States. Other standouts were veterans Jesse Cowan and Tamara Jones.

From spaghetti dinners to endless push-ups, from gym hockey to wedgies and concussions, this was a memorable season. Once again, Cross Country redefines the meaning and value of determination, endurance, and above all, hard work.

> "I was surprised at my performance because it was my first year running. I wasn't expecting anything, especially not what happened this year.
>
> -Kate Doyle"

Row 1: J. Locklin, A. McAfee, A. Carter, T. Jones, K. Doyle, J. Pierson; Row 2: Coach Calloway, L. Galloway, M. Dillard, K. Ingalls, N. Johnson, S. Hedlund, S. Stokes

Senior Jesse Cowan approaches the track at JM's home course at the YMCA. This long stretch of gravel truly tests a runner's endurance, separating the winners from the losers.

JM	**Louisa**	**JM**	**King George**
Boys 41	**Boys 19**	**Boys 25**	**Boys 23**
Girls 36	**Girls 19**	**JM**	**Spotsylvania**
JM	**Essex**	**Boys 23**	**Boys 36**
Boys 17	**Boys 51**	**JM**	**Caroline**
Colonial Beach		**Boys 37**	**Boys 22**
Boys 63		**District**	
JM	**Orange**	**Boys 4th**	**Girls 5th**
Boys 30	**Boys 27**		
Girls 26	**Girls 29**		

Season 2 - 4

This year, Tamara Jones faced every runner's nightmare: a difficult injury that kept her out of several meets. In spite of this setback, she made team history with a one-shoed sprint at the District meet.

Much of every Cross Country meet takes the form of a fast, elaborate chase down winding paths in the woods. Here, Serge Hedlund churns down one such path, racing far ahead of the competition with power and speed.

Battling the Odds

100th WIN

When you begin a season with only four returning starters, you are probably in for a long year. But this field hockey team forged a bond that carried them to a third straight district title. The Battlefield District received a wuppin', as the team further increased their district win streak and allowed only 5 goals all season. In the postseason, they overcame Orange in the tournament final and proceeded to the first regional semi-final ever. The cold, muddy night ended in a double-overtime loss. The leading scorers for the team and the district were Carter Corbin, with 14 goals, and Alice Moss with 12. The defense, the backbone of the team, was led by captain Amy Carter and Lorie Coker. The other captain, Sarah Jacob, dominated the left side of the field with her flawless stick work. This year, Carter Corbin, Sarah Jacob, Amy Carter, and Lorie Coker were selected to the All-District first team, Kim Szymczak to the second team, and Katie Collins and Jess Pierson received honorable mention. Coach Hollibaugh was again declared Coach of the Year, winning her 100th game. Team victories, individual successes, singing, dancing, cheering, eating, shaking -this team had it all.

Often, Katie Collins finds a prop, in this case her mouth guard, to facilitate the expression of her happiness. Katie's smile was roused from its very short sleep by both the joy of victory and the emphatic male cheering from the stands.

JM	1	Stafford	2	JM	2	Orange	0
JM	4	Liberty	2	JM	3	King George	1
JM	1	Fauquier	2	JM	2	Spotsylvania	0
JM	0	Stafford	3	JM	9	Caroline	2
JM	2	Orange	0	JM	1	Fauquier	1
JM	5	King George	0	JM	2	Spotsylvania	0
JM	4	Spotsylvania	1	JM	2	Orange	1
JM	11	Caroline	0	JM	2	Tabb	3
JM	4	Liberty	0				

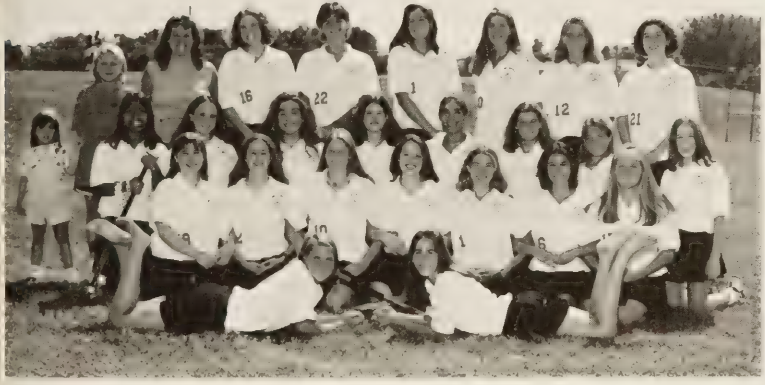
Season 12 - 4 - 1

Carter Corbin and Amy Carter have played field hockey together for the past five years and have been on varsity since 9th grade. Carter Corbin, the leading scorer in the district accumulated 14 goals and made All-Region first team. Amy Carter was voted both All-District and All-Region Player of the Year, and scored eight goals from the defensive position of sweeper.

Sarah Jacob is backed up by Kim Szymczak as she dodges an Orange player and proceeds to goal. Sarah and Kim consistently worked together to lead the Jackets to victory. The duo controlled the middle of the field and sealed the gap between offense and defense.

Alice Moss prepares to challenge the King George defender with her speed and agility at left wing. Alice was one of two sophomores who started on varsity all season.

Pressing anxiously toward the goal, Sarah Chinn maintains her unwavering control and composure. Sarah filled in for injured senior Sarah Anne Fuller halfway through the season; her spunk and talent filled the gap left in the forward line.



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Though he senses that trouble is afoot, Reggie Hankerson pauses midstride to show off his newly learned Heisman pose. Reggie's performance proved to be quite worthy of this infamous pose, as he was honored as a member of the 1997 All-District team as a wide receiver. Reggie, who played tight end in '96, filled the position of wide reciever quite nicely with 22 catches for 292 yards and 4 touchdowns.

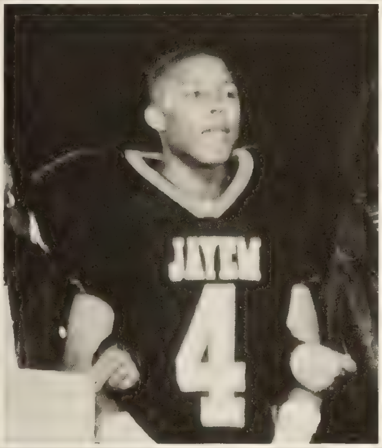
Matt Laskowski, the only returning lineman from the 1996 State Champion team, and also the center, prepares to snap the ball to the Battlefield District Offensive Player of the Year, the quarterback, Colby Edwards. Shannon Wallace, the tailback, surveys the defense to find his most clear running lane.

Larry Catlett pulls his own weight for the football team and on this occasion helps a Louisa player down the field as well. Larry was a four year starter for the team and contributed greatly at wide receiver, defensive back, and as a return specialist. Larry earned All-District, All-Region, and All-State honors at wide receiver and defensive back.

With a little help from Larry Catlett's stalk block, Shannon Wallace turns upfield. Shannon had a tremendously successful season, in which he amassed 109 points and over twelve hundred yards.

Nathan Smith, an extremely versatile player who played linebacker, defensive end, tight end, fullback, and upback on the extra point and punt teams, receives some advice from Coach Buzzy Johnson. Coach Johnson's valuable strategic counsel has helped mold Nate, along with many other aspiring athletes, into excellent football players.

JACKETS
JAYEM



> We made the playoffs for the third straight year. We had fun. It was a good year.
> -Loni Preston

Row 1: A. Green, R. Hankerson, B. O'Neal, J. Vessels, R. Ellis, N. Smith, C. Edwards, L. Catlett, S. Wallace; Row 2: R. Johnson, R. Brown, B. Garnett, R. Starks, S. Walker, S. Harper, S. Robinson, J. Hogue, M. Rose, J. Ellis; Row 3: M. Chambers, S. Lucas, R. Packard, R. Parker, J. Ibarra, M. Thorton, T. Ross, T. Washington, S. O'Neal; Row 4: K. Battle, M. Laskowski, R. Galimore, A. Covington, B. Jackson, M. Campbell, J. Snyder, J. Roberson, R. Smith

Forward Progress

The '97 season was a surprisingly successful one for the football team. A disappointing season would be expected after winning a state championship and graduating over twenty seniors. Luckily for the Jackets, several newcomers stepped up and filled the spots left vacant. Loni Preston, Brian O'Neal, Chris Battle, Jeremy Vessels, and Nate Smith, all first-year starters, complimented the play of Matt Laskowski, Reggie Ellis, Anthony Green, and Larry Catlett quite nicely on defense. The offense was led by the running game, thanks to Nate Smith and Shannon Wallace, and relied on the threat of a passing game with Colby Edwards' powerful arm and the sure hands of the wide receivers.

After a shaky start to their season, losing close games to Charlottesville and Stafford, the Jackets began a four-game winning streak against Brentsville in the fifth game of the season. The Jackets showed their true potential in the Homecoming game against Louisa, in which they scored 65 points and amassed 496 yards of total offense, while holding their opponent to only 12 points and 165 yards of offense. The Spotsylvania Knights proved to be the only Battlefield district team powerful enough to overcome Jayem. James Monroe capped its regular season play and secured a spot in the Region I playoffs with a 30-6 victory over Caroline that earned them a berth in the playoffs. Matoaca proved to be too formidable, however, and the Jackets ended their season with a 40-13 loss.

James Monroe once again was well-represented in individual awards. Colby Edwards, Larry Catlett, Justin Snyder, Reggie Hankerson, Reggie Ellis, and Matt Laskowski received All-Region honors, along with a great number of players named to various positions on the All-District team.

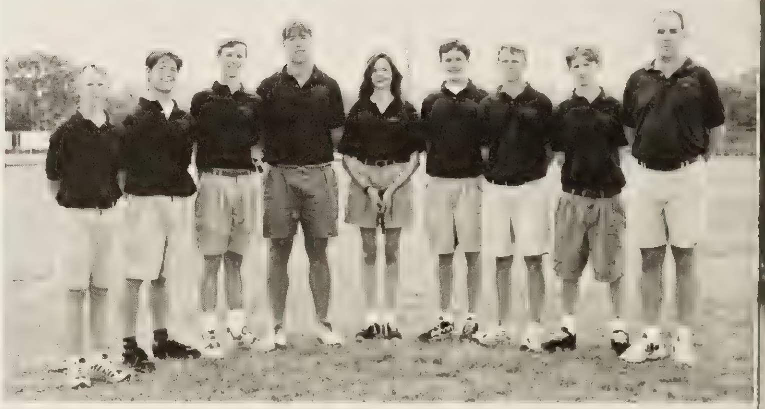
JM	29	37	Charlottesville	JM	19	8	Orange
JM	35	13	North Stafford	JM	35	0	King George
JM	7	25	Chancellor	JM	15	29	Spotsylvania
JM	13	20	Stafford	JM	30	6	Caroline
JM	31	6	Brentsville	JM	13	40	Motoaca
JM	65	12	Louisa				

Season 6 - 5

Senior Jamin O'Bannon enjoyed his second year on the James Monroe golf team. "Everybody was seriously tryin' to do well," asserted Jamin. Even though he wasn't always striking that piece well, he refused to let numbers bother him.

Justin O'Bannon crushes a ball towards the green. This was his first year on the golf team, and he proved himself a master of the links.

While awaiting the landing of his ball, Robbie Brown expects it to be impressive despite the sun's antagonizing glare.



S. Brown, J. O'Bannon, D. Pierson, J. Starling, A. DiGiandomenico, R. Wrigl
R. Brown, J. O'Bannon, Coach Tucker. Not pictured: C. Eldrid

GOLF

just puttin' around

The golf team convened on the Fredericksburg Country Club for their opening practice in the beginning of August, having lost five seniors. Coach Tucker was able to procure ample hours for practice at the Club early in the season, allowing him time to concentrate on the development of the younger players. The top six was formulated quickly, although the individual ranks among them changed regularly. The only ranks that remained unchanged throughout the season, one and two, where held by Robbie Brown and Jay Starling, respectively. The season began with a tournament in Culpeper in which Jayem showed poorly, and Jay Starling was disqualified. It was the beginning of a season of ups and downs, but the team's record confirms that they broke even with five wins and five losses. The highlight of the season was when they broke a long-standing team record low score of 163. While an excess of young talent points to a successful future, this year's season was, in the wake of the loss of such experienced players, very good. It can not be dismissed as preparation, rebuilding, or anything else short of true success, and the start of James Monroe's reign over the golf world.

With a spray of sand and his trusty wedge, Jason Crooks fires the ball back onto the green in his eternal quest for par.

This is a strangely quiet picture of three-year veteran Jay Starling. Usually you see him hurling clubs around and shouting at himself or his ball. Fortunately, Jay's temper hasnot damaged his statistics too dramatically.

"Golf is a game whose aim is to hit a very small ball into a very small hole, with weapons singularly ill-designed for the purpose."

JM	163	196	Essex
JM	186	191	Louisa
JM	186	174	Orange
JM	193	175	King George
JM	178	176	Spotsylvania
JM	193	184	Essex
JM	188	196	Louisa
JM	190	168	Orange
JM	186	187	King George
JM	184	196	Spotsylvania

Districts Fifth Place

Season 5 - 5

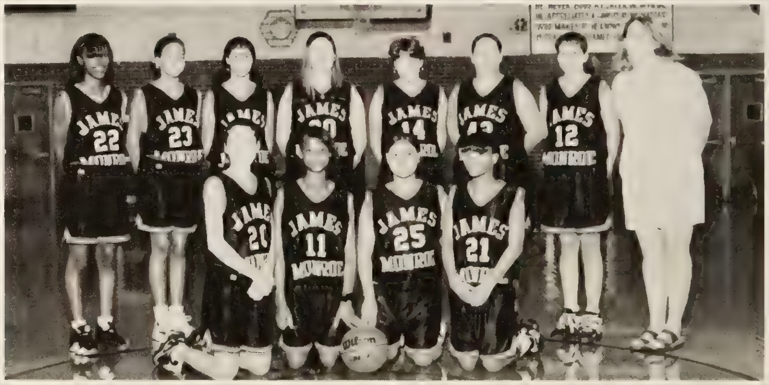
Koren Cole sprints down the lane into the paint and springs into the perfect lay-up, as two Colonial Beach defenders struggle to catch her.

Lauren Scott demonstrates beautiful blocking and fancy footwork as she easily maneuvers around a Louisa defender while managing to keep firm control of the ball.

J.V. Girls' Basketball

Picture this: the score is tied and there is one minute left...then the other team scores. Fortunately, it is only a lay-up and there are still 30 seconds left. Play resumes and the ball lands in the hands of Christina Parker. With the clock ticking, she dribbles down the court, and all eyes watch as she launches the ball into the air. Suddenly, the ball plummets into the basket, the buzzer sounds, and the Jackets have won! This finale was just one of the many highlights of the JV girls' basketball season. The team crushed last year's record of 3-15 by improving to 8-10, led by top scorers Lauren Scott and Chelsea Cook. Despite the fact that many people were injured, the girls allowed their spirit to explode. These ladies are undoubtedly on their way to many successful varsity years.

Though Christina Parker is a friendly, generous person off the court, when she puts on a Jayem uniform she is overcome with greed. Christina displays this nature through her refusal of the Louisa defender's attempts to gain possession of the ball.



Row 1: L. Scott, L. Tillery, A. Conway, M. Brown; Row 2: K. Cole, C. Parker, C. Cook, E. Vandermade, L. Smith, M. Smith, E. Tracey, Coach Slominski

The opinion of Adrianne Fletcher speaks well of the overall season. "The younger cheerleaders had a lot of enthusiasm, which helped the older members of the team."

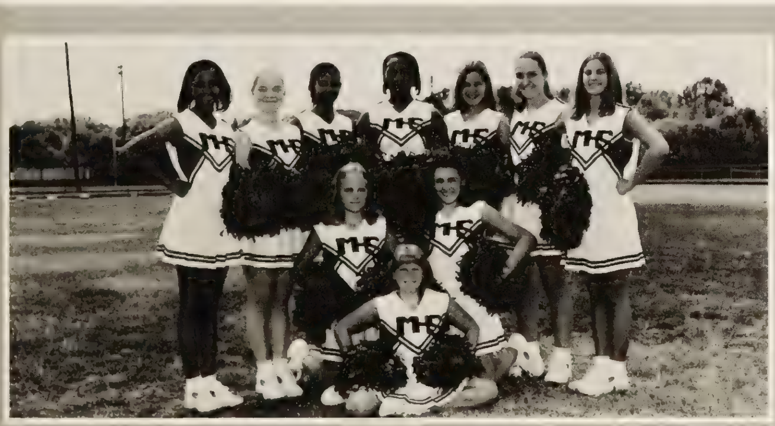
J.V. Cheerleading

High Spirits

Many people have the idea that cheerleaders live in their own little world of pompoms and giggles, but the J.V. squad also has a down-to-Earth side. They demonstrated their committment by selling programs at each of the varsity home games and staying to help get response during the infamous "crowd cheers."

The season was one" of cooperation. I enjoyed being captain and I will always remember a little saying that one member made up: 'stiff + smile + supportive = success,'" as captain Tameka Peters said.

Christina Thorstead takes a small break from cheering to watch the game in progress. The JV squad had a good season, which included such new stunts as the basket toss and the single shoulder stand.



Row 1: C. Covington; Row 2: S. Anderson, C. Kimmit; Row 3: T. Peters, A. Bishop, T. Smith, L. Young, A. Farmer, A. Fletcher, C. Thorstead

Eighth grader Letoya Young hides her goosebumps well. Many of the Wednesday night games left fans running home for their coats, but the cheerleaders toughed out.

Lisa Cowles, Michelle Renaud, and E. Deaderick celebrate another victory, this one over Spotsy.

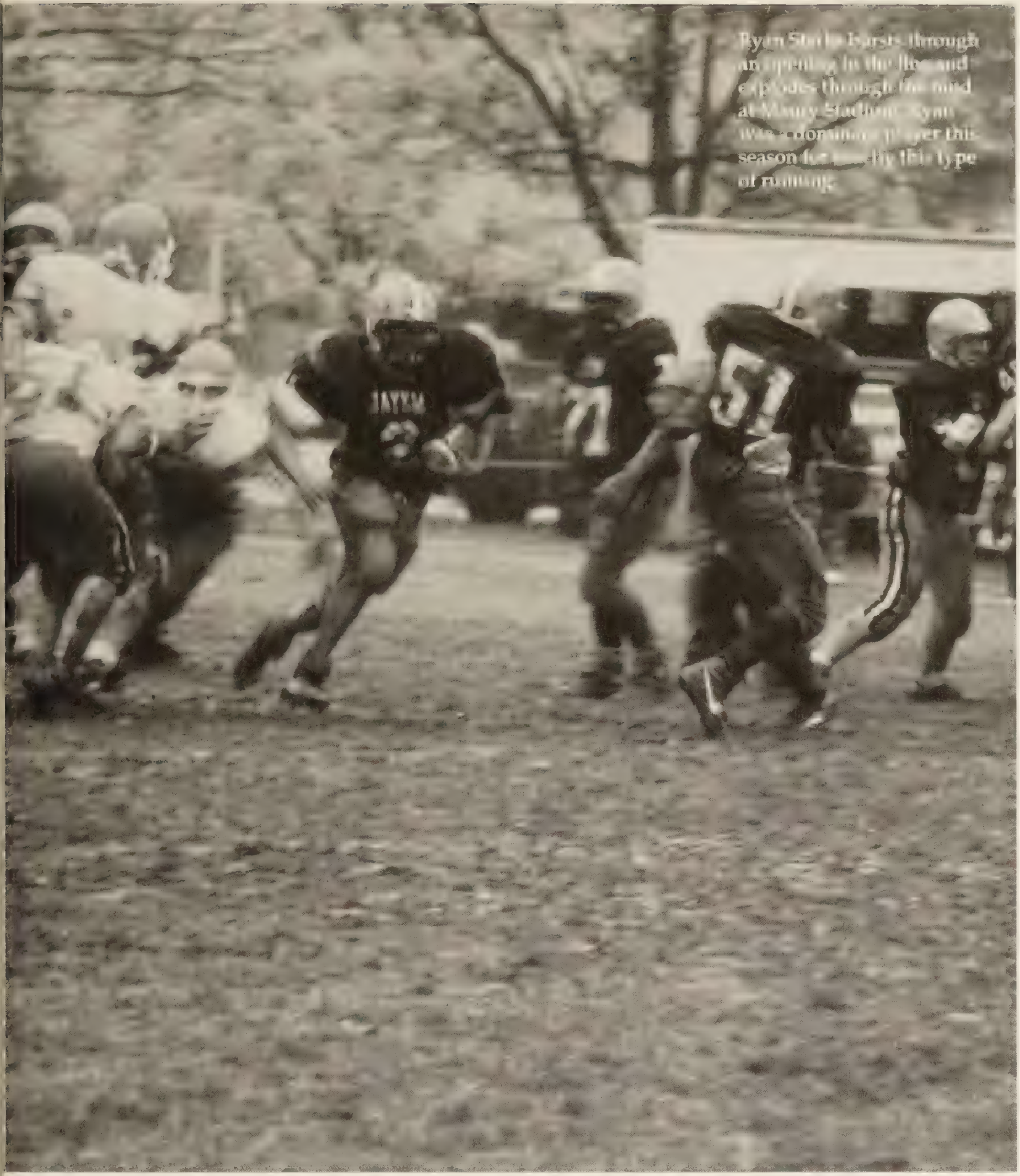
Sophomore captain Rosa Batalla prepares to take a free hit, knowing that her teammates will back her up.

sticks and stones... and Hockey

This was an amazing year for the junior varsity field hockey team. With the addition of a new coach and about fifteen freshmen, came a winning record. In her first year coaching, Karen Barry helped guide the team to yet another district title. "We had a great group of girls, an enthusiastic coach, and a strong desire to win. There were a few wrinkles at first, but we ironed them out and really had a spectacular season," said team captain Lauren Pollet of a season like no other.

The J.V. players hold their sticks up high as the varsity players run underneath in a time-honored tradition: The Stick Bridge. While they run underneath the bridge, they get a bit of good luck from the JV team's chant of, "J-A-Y-E-M-J-A-C-K-E-T-S".

Row 1: J. Pierson; Row 2: M. Keeve, M. Renaud, M. Mohs, A. Vilhauer, R. Batalla, L. Minnear, J. Pryor, E. Naples, J. Gibson; Row 3: Coach Barry, H. Massey, H. Hartman, L. Pollet, E. Kutzerile, M. Sittman, C. McGrail, A. Green, K. David, J. Kertsos



Ryan Starks bursts through an opening in the line and explodes through the mud at Maury Stadium. Ryan was a dominant player this season for [illegible] this type of running.

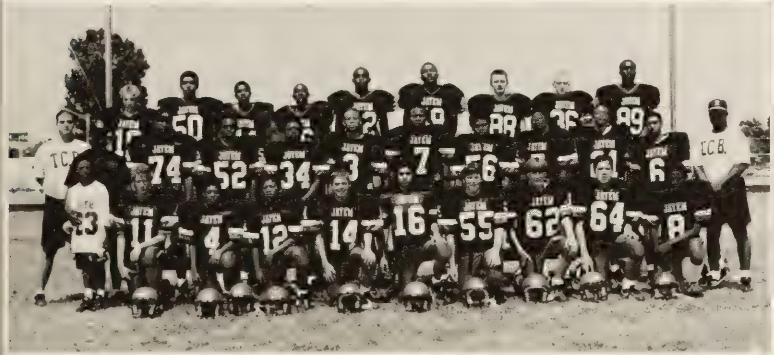
JV Football

Teamwork Tackles & Touchdowns

"I have never seen a JV Football team come together like we did this year," remembers Harvey Thomas, a wide reciever. "Our teamwork was unbelievable, and, in the end, it all paid off." Harvey's distinct height advantage was one strength that the team learned to exploit in order to move themselves forward.

This was an amazing year for the JV football team. It began with little confidence, but, as the season progressed, their strength and skill led them to many victories, including the district title.

When the season got into full swing, the Jackets began to ride their winning streak and could not stop. These boys took their 10 - 1 record to district championships and defeated Spotsylvania in a nerve-racking game. It was the first year that a JM junior varsity football team has ever won the district title. This outstanding precedent has undboutedly opened a whole new world of teamwork, tackles, and touchdowns.



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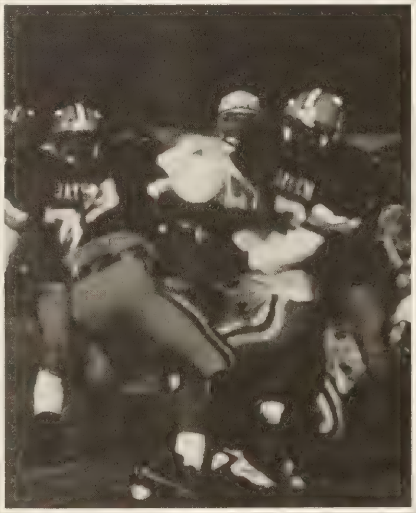


A Spotsylvania receiver takes an unruly hit to the ground as Brandon Robinson and Ralph Brown succeed in their attempt to cause a fumble. This game was one of many victories that highlighted the Jacket's outstanding season.

Above the Rest

The true test of a basketball team is how it deals with pressure. This year's team demonstrated its strong will early in the season when several players were dismissed, to the latter part of the season when they faced top-ranked teams and reached a level deserving of pride.

Colby Edwards has been a part of the basketball program since eighth grade. This year, his last with the team, was laced with high-flying dunks and high-scoring performances. Here, Colby takes a quick break while waiting for the rebound after the opponent's free throw.

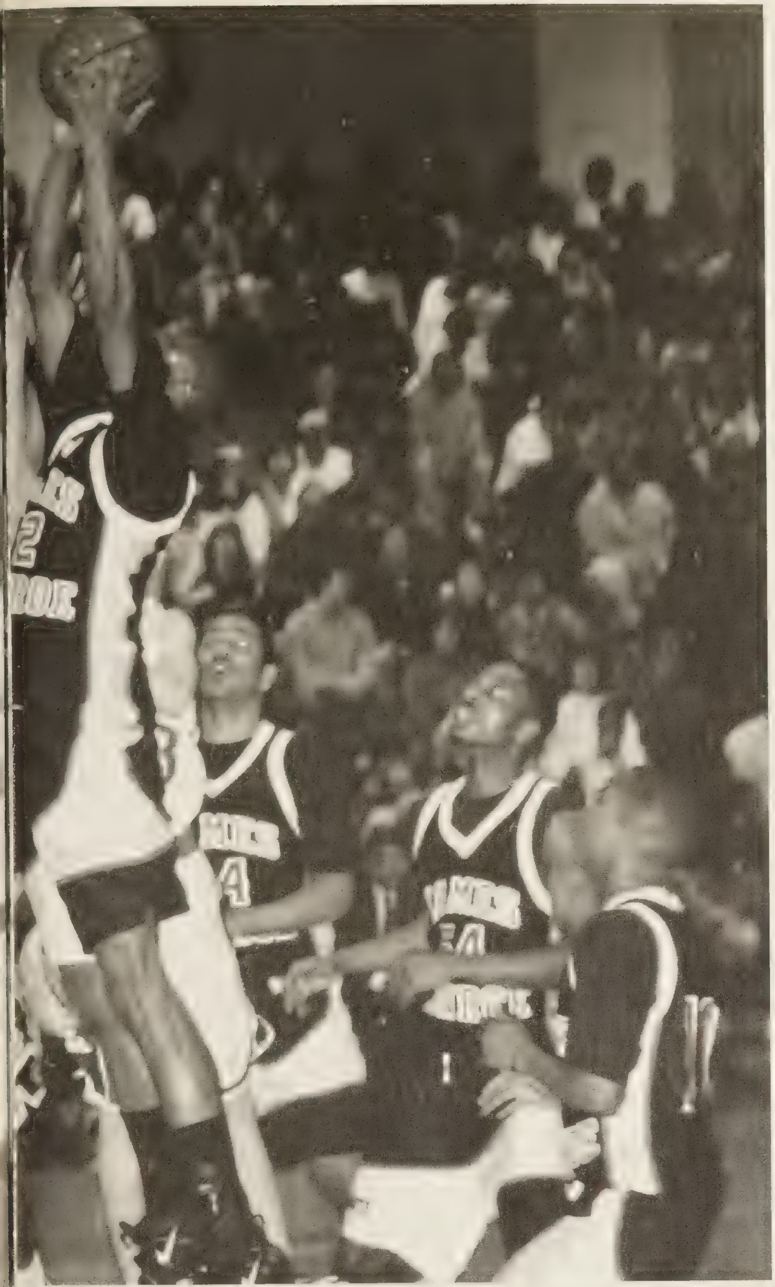
Over Christmas break, the team played a tournament in Albemarle with only five players. They also took on Spotsylvania, the second-ranked team in the state at that time, and lost by a single buzzer shot. In fact, none of the team's losses were by a greater margin than nine points.

"Free-throws have been our Achilles heel," said coach Fred Hamn. "It's a lost art of the game and our only serious weakness." Beyond that, he said, the team had few other weak points. Much of this well-roundedness came from team captains Colby Edwards and Reggie Ellis, who led the team with 13.1 and 13.3 points per game, respectively.

Next year, says Coach Hamn, what is now a senior-oriented team will have to rebuild. Yet, prevailing opinions maintain that the current underclassmen on the team will take up positions of leadership and follow in the tradition; they will face the season's hardships with fortitude, and keep the team in the same renown in which it was held this season.

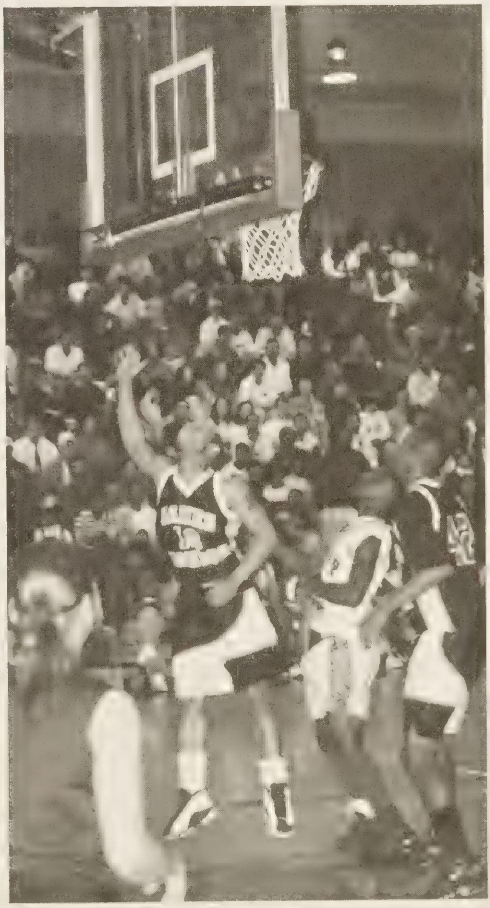
JM 73	Liberty	54
JM 43	Stafford	49
JM 72	Culpeper	83
JM 69	Liberty	56
JM 68	Chancellor	59
JM 69	Chancellor	54
JM 40	Pulaski Co.	52
JM 49	W. Albermarle	58
JM 47	Culpeper	49
JM 67	Stafford	52
JM 61	Louisa	50
JM 80	Orange	42
JM 73	Spotsylvania	75
JM 85	Caroline	77
JM 68	King George	57
JM 67	Louisa	76
JM 77	Orange	47
JM 60	King George	42
JM 75	Spotsylvania	82
JM 43	Caroline	51

Leadership is a necessity for any team, and this year's varsity basketball team is no exception. Although Reggie Ellis did not do it alone, he says, "as a captain, I had to lead by example. Hopefully my leadership skills rubbed off on the underclassmen."

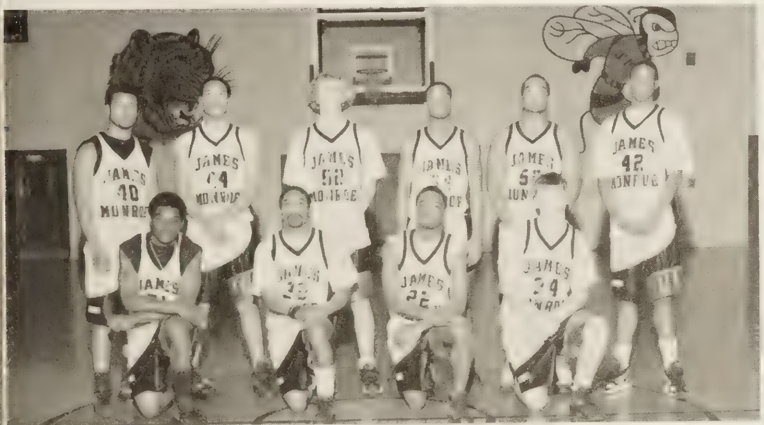


The Yellow Jackets fight for the game during the second quarter at the playoffs between James Monroe and Louisa. Surrounded by teammates Lonnie Preston, Anthony Ash, and Richard Smith, Colby Edwards jumps over Louisa's #45 to get the rebound.

The team gathers for encouragement, and motivation to build energy before a game. Many pre-game rituals and traditions were preserved this year, including the customary prayer.



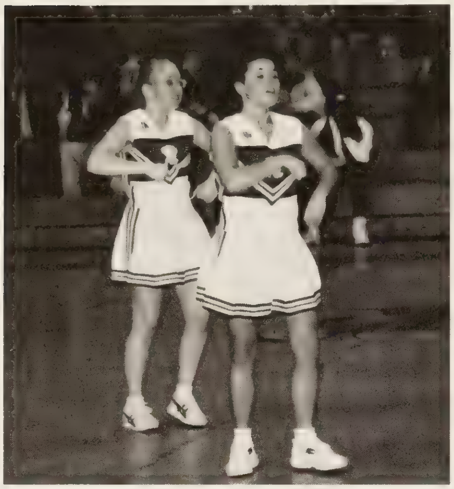
As point guard, Larry Catlett must be able to pass efficiently and also take advantage of openings in the lane. Driving to the basket, Larry capitalizes on the defense's mistake and makes an easy layup.

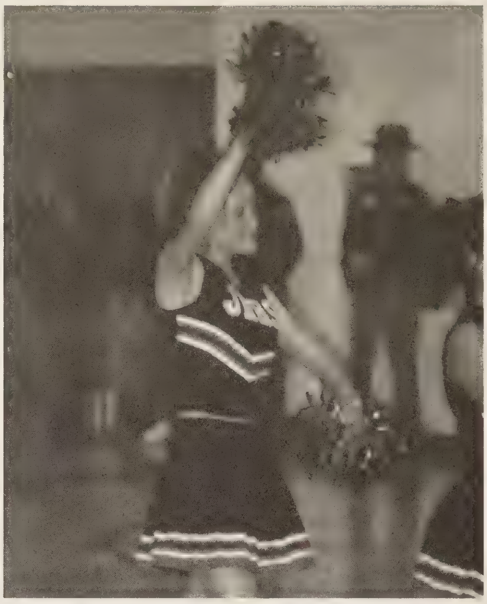


ow 1: J. Vessels, S. Wallace, B. O'Neal, T. Burke; Row 2: N. Smith, R. Smith, . VanValkenburgh, A. Ash, R. Ellis, C. Edwards

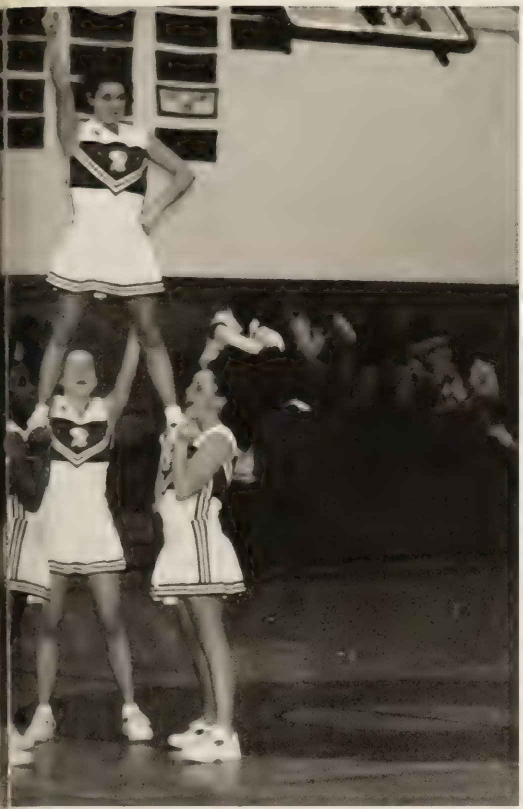
In perfect sync, Courtney Morgan and Sarah Laing make the transition between cheers. Sarah's favorite part of the game is the halftime show because of the direct attention given by the crowd. It's obviously as much fun for the fans to watch as it is for these girls to perform.

"Let's go Jayem!" With pom-poms shaking and an award-winning smile, Kate Doyle does her share to get the crowd excited even when tense moments arise.





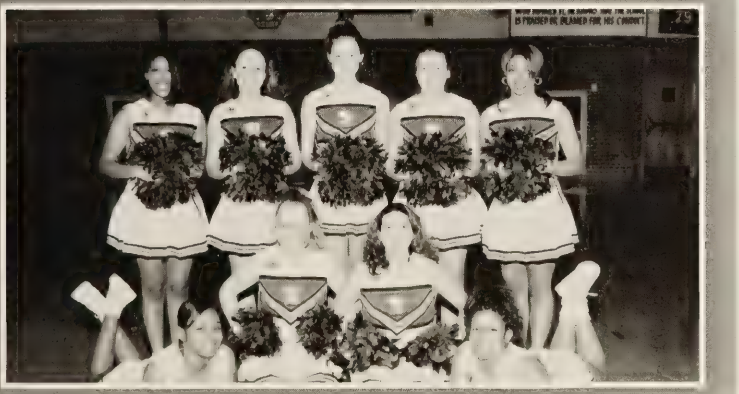
Another halftime, another great show. Jayem's varsity cheerleaders have all the right moves and their practice pays off as their steps set the pace for a great routine.



Courtney Morgan knows how it feels to be "shaking in the knees!" Continually lifted into the air during stunts, she has learned to trust her teammates and to not let her nervousness show. During practice she occasionally falls, however, during a game, she avoided such catastrophe.

Followed by captain Allyson Hilliard, these varsity cheerleaders take center court to toss it up. The girls brought the crowd to their feet this year, dominating other school's squads with a full roster of ten varsity cheerleaders.

> "As a senior, I enjoyed cheering for varsity basketball with my friends. Mrs. Crismon contributed greatly to all of our memories, especially the seniors'. I will miss the squad and the many long lasting friendships that were developed. We are always glad to be there for our guys."



Row 1: E. Samuel, S. Laing, C. Morgan, J. Roots; Row 2: A. Hilliard, K. Collins, K. Doyle, H. Olsen, S. Davenport

Put Your Hands Together

"We've got spirit, yes we do...! We've got spirit, how 'bout you?" The varsity cheerleaders of '98, led by captains Heather Olsen and Allyson Hilliard, enthused the crowds at basketball games this winter. With pom-poms high in the air, spirits soared as they performed their practiced routines to perfection inside the Walker-Grant gym and at away games. The devotion of these cheerleaders and the dedication to their school's team was evident in the hours spent trying to perfect these performances. During the halftime routine, all eyes were focused solely on the cheerleaders, leaving no room for mistakes. Allyson Hilliard has long since overcome her freshman embarrassment as a junior varsity cheerleader. While running out to mid-court, she stumbled over her own feet. Allyson and the other cheerleaders, have learned that cheering isn't about themselves, it is about cheering on the team. She loves halftime and thinks of it as a chance to lift the basketball team's spirits and prepare them for the rest of the game. What would halftime be without the smiling faces of the cheerleading squad as they demonstrate skilled stunt work and dance performances? Their energy and JM spirit was continuoual, and was evident by the excitement they generated in the bleachers. You go girls!

"Peek-A-Boo!" April McAfee starts off her floor routine in this playful pose. Performing to the music "Cubic," April demonstrates many difficult skills including two front handsprings followed by a round-off tumbling pass, helping her to a top six regional finish.

E Deaderick flips over the vault confident that she will stick a perfect landing. This was E's second year on the JM squad, but she has enjoyed gymnastics ever since childhood. "When I was little I did gymnastics, then I stopped for awhile. I decided to get back into it because it is so much fun. It's not just about being an athlete; it's about using your mind, balance, and coordination."

"Even though we weren't the best, we made a lot of personal improvements and had lots of fun." Freshman Jill Gibson competed on the varsity level in all four events. Her ability and spirit were an important asset to the team.

PRIDE
PRIDE IN

Row 1: J. Martin; Row 2: A. McAfee, B. Westerlund, G. Cote, E. Deaderick, J. Gibson

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

Mounting the beam as the fluttering distraction of applause slowly diminishes, a young woman clad in orange and black centers her focus on the impossibly narrow plank upon which she stands. A swift and demanding routine is performed upon the minute stage of a four and a half inch wide beam. At meets they competed both as individuals on all four disciplines and as a team, totaling everyone's scores. The floor exercise, always a crowd pleaser, requires both finesse and power to please the judges. The vault is mainly a test of strength and precision; it is imperative to explode off the horse and then stick the landing perfectly. The uneven parallel bars give the gymnast the incredible sensation of flying, as they whip around the bars with speed, flair, and pointed toes. But this is just another undaunting challenge to one of our six gravity battling gymnasts. The ease with which the girls performed their exercises helped them to become fourth in the region. According to E Deaderick, they benefited from more than just their success. " We all became closer as the season wore on, and by the end, we were friends." Hopefully the girls' spirit will continue to grow and the team will keep the elegance that so charmed their spectators.

With her arms extended like wings, sophomore Julie Martin walks the balance beam in extrodinary command of gravity and equlibrium. Such a skill is essential to most gymnastic performances.

Gillian Cote's talent has taken James Monroe's gymnastics to new heights. Not only is she involved at JM, but everyday after school she practices with the Royals in Stafford, where she has her own coach. She is the reigning State Champion and has broken almost every possible record in the state of Virginia. This year she was unable to attend the regional and state meets because of injuries. In the summer she hopes to qualify for the National meet and later move on to the Elite competition where many Olympians compete. Next year Gillian will attend the University of Maryland on a full gymnastics scholarship. Gillian's high caliber ability will undoubtedly leave a legacy that will never be forgotten.

Chris Murphy's enjoyment of gymnastics led him to participate with the team, however, his gender prevented him from becoming a member. Chris' genuine interest and determination, not to mention his dazzling flexibility, have earned him great respect.

Members of the JM swim team defy gravity as they cheer Tamara Jones to a silver medal at the state competition in Radford. Drew Rodkey comments that "JM showed the whole state that you can't hold us down."

Few people can swim four laps butterfly in one minute and five seconds, but sophomore Sumter Armstrong makes it look easy, even beautiful. She rarely lost that event in the regular season, and came in a strong 9th place at states in this, one of the most challenging events.

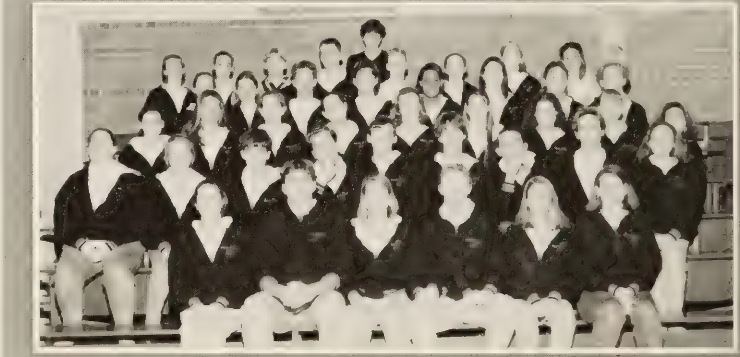
Back Again

Spectators at JM swim meets who are unfamiliar with the sport are often bored. Little do they know, swimming is not only a very exciting sport at times, but it is one of the most physically demanding. It requires a committment to training, a strong inner drive, and great enthusiasm. The members of this year's team had those qualities, resulting in success, both on an individual level and for the team.

Anchored by senior captain Alex Lang, the boys posted a third place finish at the State Invitational at Radford, surprising many who thought the JM dynasty left with area star Aaron Peterson. Flanked by Jason LoVerdi and Drew Rodkey, and supported by seven others, Alex can only take a little of the credit for the team's overall success.

A much larger girls' team, led in the pool by Tamara Jones and on deck by Captain Amy Carter, left its own distinguishable mark. Capturing a notable eleventh at States, thanks mostly to Tamara Jones, Marion Brothers, Sumter Armstrong, and Amy Carter, this team was devoted to doing well, and to having a good time. Although neither team won a dual meet, everyone grew a little stronger, a lot faster, and developed a greater love for this sport. It is that love and appreciation of swimming that breeds champions.

This year Alex Lang went undefeated the entire dual meet season, a rare feat against JM's opponents. He lived up to his reputation also at States, placing first in 50 free and third in 100 free. His success in the close sprint races is due mostly to his commitment to the sport and to lifting weights, as well as his competitive drive and pure will.



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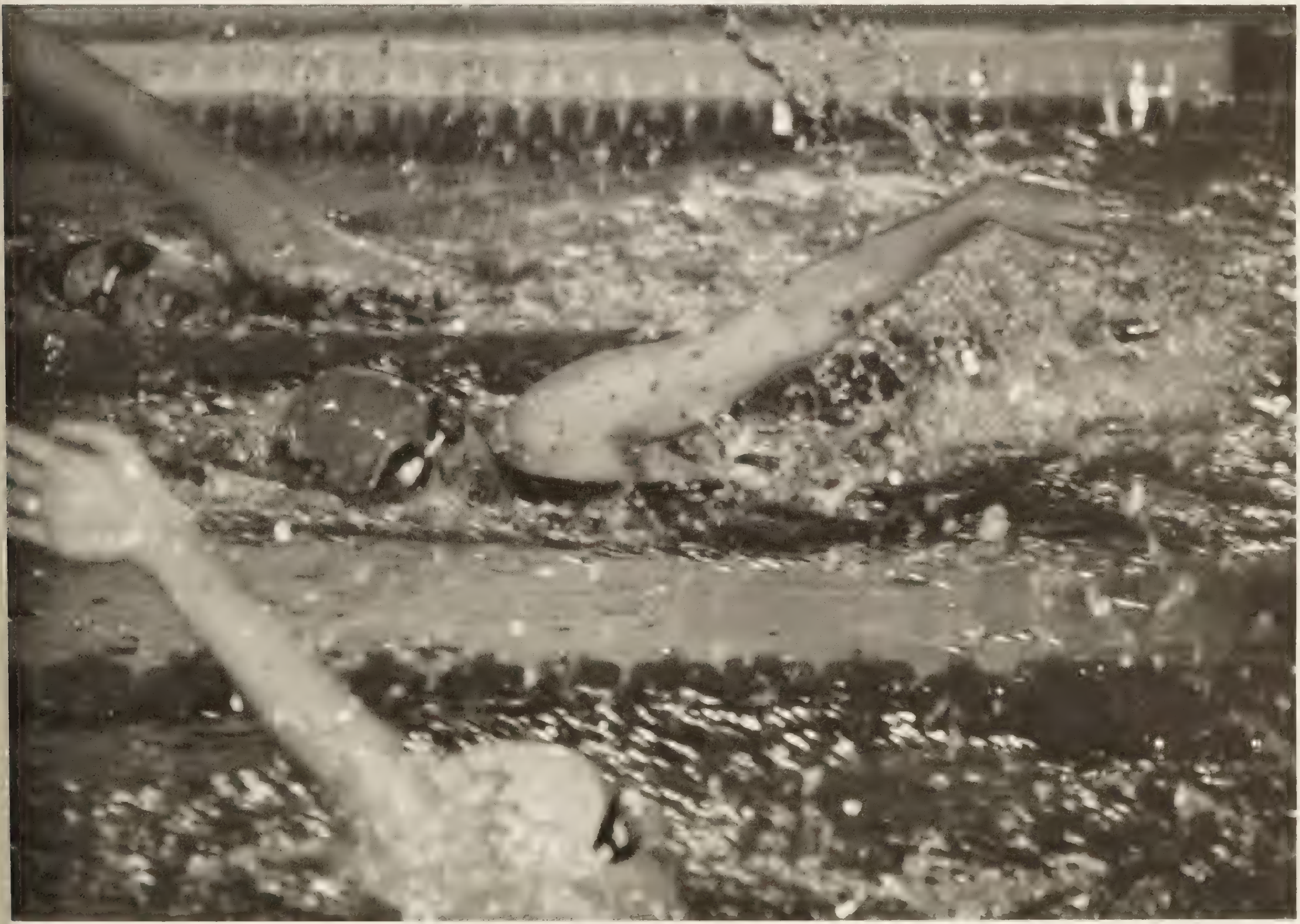
Marion Brothers transferred to JM to swim for a high school team. Unfortunately, she had to wait until the start of the second semester before she was eligible, but she had a resounding impact on the girls team, gliding to important points at districts.

In a pre-meet ritual, the swim team creates a visual effect to augment their great volume. This cheer was a favorite among the whole team, and it always ended in laughter.

Sophomore Emily Nere closes in on her opponents in the 100 back at the tri-meet with North Stafford and Seton School. Having swum competitively for close to 10 years, Emily's sound technique helped her qualify for the state meet at Radford University.



Keeping her eye on the ball, Amy Duggins prepares to launch it to her opponent and score another point. The volleyball team allowed Amy to explore a new sport.

Christina Parker prepares to serve game point to opposing team Caroline. Two of this season's wins came against Caroline, another newcomer to the sport.

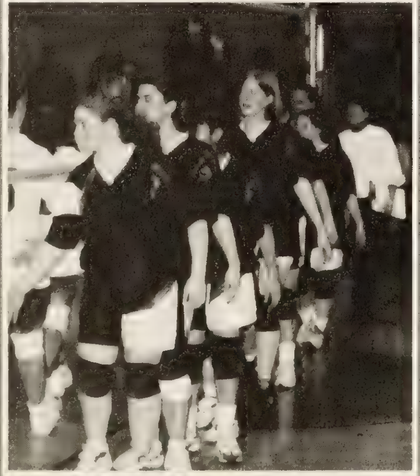
Are You Being Served?

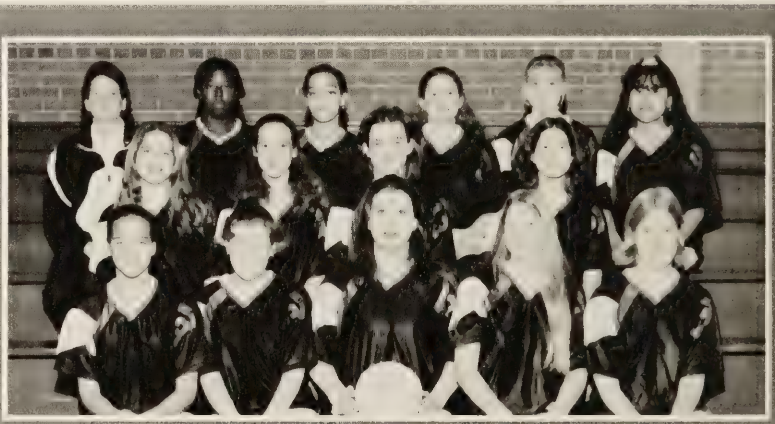
This year girls' volleyball was added, making it the twelfth girls' varsity team, outnumbering boys' athletics by four. This season was full of excitement, adventure, and anticipation of the future.

Under the direction of Coach Marks and captains Rene Diez and Judith Valencia, the girls practiced daily to perfect dives, serves, and sets for competition. The team won two games late in the season, both against Caroline, another newcomer to the sport, giving them a 2 - 8 record in the district.

Sporting stylish kneepads, these girls looked as good as they played. "We really loved the kneepads. They kept us on the cutting edge of fashion and protected us from unsightly injuries," one player remarked with a smile.

A happy outcome in a home game against Caroline had the volleyball girls leave Walker-Grant pleasantly plagued with smiles. Ms. Marks backed them through a difficult first season and was rewarded by a few highlights that made it very worthwhile.





Row 1 - C. Parker, L. Smith, R. Diez, M. Johnson. Row 2 - A. Shultz, J. Pierson, A. Duggins, S. Beddoe. Row 3 - Coach Marks, N. Parker, P. McNairn, K. Cannon, J. Valencia

Winter Track

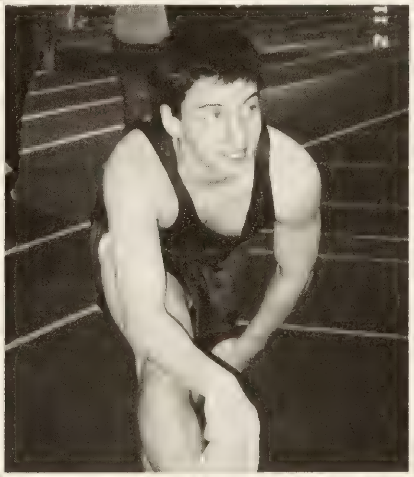
Running from the Cold

Seven school records were broken in this year's memorable season. Performances in the District competition surpassed any coach's dreams. For the girls' team, Kate Doyle ran the one-and two-mile races, breaking school records in both. On the boys' team the 4 x 800-meter relay of Kent Ingalls, Elvis Jiminez, Michael Dillard, and Serge Hedlund set a school record, finishing second at Districts. Hedlund and Dillard also set school records in the 1000-meter and one- and two-mile races, respectively, ending the year with a bang.

Freshman Monika Mohs sprints to the finish, dominating yet another race. As an eighth grader, Monika trained with the team to prepare for this year's competition.

"This season was short and quick but we had fun and we worked as a team."
- Reggie Hankerson

Row 1: Coach D. Lovegrove, T. Walsh, M. Mohs, R. Hankerson, R. Packard, S. Walker, Coach S. Williams; Row 2: K. Doyle, P. Ambuel, M. Dillard, E. Jimenez, K. Ingalls, S. Hedlund; Row 3: J. Ellis, J. Pisarick, A. Jones, J. Boxley



Known for a generally relaxed disposition, Serge Hedlund maintains this characteristic even moments before competition. A newcomer this year, he was accepted graciously by his peers and his coaches, a great deal of whose success is owed to him.

Roscoe Johnson uses his ball handling skills to get around the Knight's defense, demonstrating his consistency that was valued on the team.

Eighth grader Pierce Tracy takes a three-point shot during the game against Spotsylvania. The team worked well together, although it was not enough to defeat the Knights.

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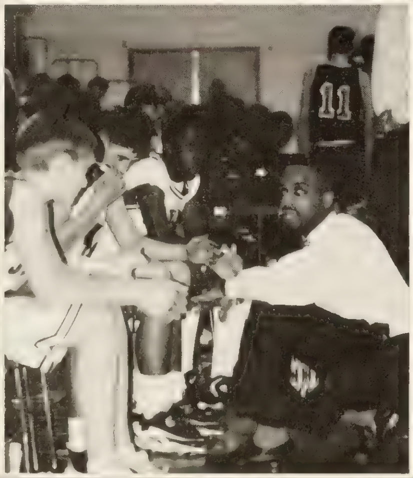
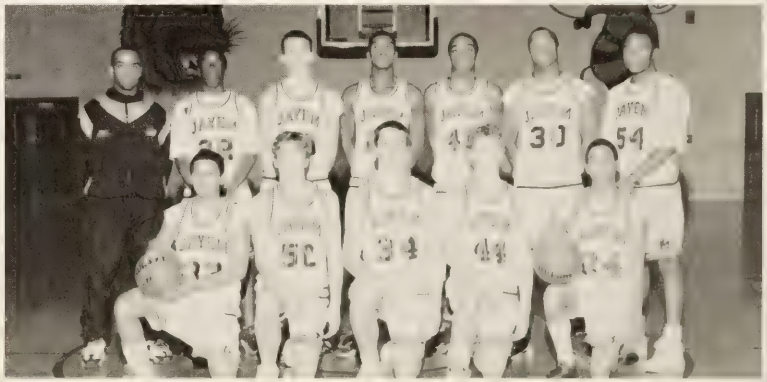
Good sportsmanship abounded on the JV Basketball team this year. After losing many players to the varsity team, the boys worried that they would not be capable of pulling off a decent season. Fortunately, the team was determined to maintain a positive outlook despite their losses throughout the season.

"Even though we lost a lot of games, the season was really fun," said captain Roscoe Johnson. "I think we did a good job. We will hopefully play better next year because we are going to practice in the off-season."

The team celebrated their camaraderie at McDonald's after every game. This symbolizes the fact that at a JV level, team unity and having a good time is far more important than whether you win or lose.

The JV team uses their time-out to have a pep-talk with Coach Bumbrey. Home games were exciting because many fans showed up to support the team. On the bench, Pierce Tracy, Bill Reidl and Elwood Conway listen attentively to the coach's insightful advice.





Row 1: C. Moore, R. McAuley, A. Janney, K. Stokes, R. Johnson; Row 2: Mr. Bumbry, E. Conway, S. Zachinni, R. Brown, JB Robinson, T. Washington, B. Robinson

Eighth grader Caitlin Kimmitz does a "tabletop jump" to warm-up for a game. Before each jump, cheerleaders must do a "prep". A prep is used to gain momentum by standing on your tiptoes with your arms outstretched.

Hey All You Jacket Fans

JV Cheerleading

What a great team the 1997-98 JV cheerleaders made. The long hours of hard work and aching muscles really paid off as these girls impressed the crowds with their enthusiasm and soaring spirits. Members practiced four times a week, always completing the necessary stretching session and exhilarating warm-up. Captains Sarah Anderson and Christy Covington led their squad through numerous complicated drills and routines. Mrs. Crismon was always on hand to offer her encouragement and support. Jessica Pierson described her season as a cheerleader, "It was a great bonding experience with wonderful friends, who all pitched in to help each other." The squad would agree that the highlight of the season was their dance performance during the last game. It was a great note on which to close, as these girls were quick to let you know... "when it comes to winning, we're second to none, because we know that you know that we know we're number one!!"

Row 1: C. Covington; Row 2: C. Kimmitz, S. Anderson; Row 3 : J. Pierson, T. Peters, C. Thorsted; Row 4 : A. Farmer, L. Young, J. Kertsos, S. Washington

Caitlin Kimmitz, Christina Thorsted, and Jenny Kertsos exemplify the perfect cheerleader: bubbly spirits, enthusiasm, and perfect smiles.

8th grade Field Hockey:
Anne Arnold, Jessica Burger, Caroline Evans, Jamie Harris, Jenny Kertsos, Ashley Mundy, Anne Nere, Jennifer Parker, Kristina Powell, Courtney Ross, Gretchen Sigmund, Kalene Szymczak, Ashley Theado, Ashley Tilman

8th grade Football:
Robert Brown, Stephen Byrd, Conner Childress, Jamie Coppage, Chris Durante, Robert Durante, Katrina Farris, Kenton Griffin, Garret Hawkey, Dante Jackson, Justin Long, William Riedl, Thomas Rose, Raymond Smith, James Tillery, Kentrale Washington, Donald Willie

8th grade Boys' Basketball:
Scott Ameen, Robert Brown, Chris Dur0-ante, Matt Glaser, Matt Rodkey, Bill Riedl, Thomas Rose, Will Sanford, Pierce Tracy

8th grade Girls Basketball:
Sarah Doyle, Demetria Holmes, Shirelle Jacobs, Jenny Kertsos, Mia Mulane, Jennifer Parker, Shavelle Pettus, Lisa Tracy, Latoya Young

Working hard to keep her stick in good position, Anna Arnold is prepared for the tackle. Eighth grade is just the beginning of a long, promising hockey career for Anna and many of the other dedicated members of her team.

Demetria Holmes shoots over an opponent from Gayl
Middle School to score a basket. Demetria's skills made he
a valuable player this season

Just Startin' Out

Eighth graders at James Monroe often play on JV sports teams. However, some sports generate enough interest to form a separate eighth grade team. This gives the players an opportunity to play the sport and learn about the rules or the basics of the game. Although most eighth grade teams don't have winning seasons, they are characterized by good chemistry and a great time.

The eight grade field hockey team, coached by Valerie Robnolt, bonded well during their season. Their friendships and the skills they learned, will help them to excel next year on the JV team.

One team that did manage a successful season was eighth grade football. Because of their achievement, the boys know that being big contributors to the Jayem football legacy is in the future.

Only able to pull off one win this season, the eighth grade basketball team did not lack effort. Often games were lost by a single, agonizing point despite the efforts of the team and coaches Chuck Ellis and B.J. Tucker.

In its second season, the eighth grade girls' basketball team are still trying to make their stand. Despite only winning one game, there were many close games, and improvement was definitely noticed by all. Next year is expected to continue this trend of success.

Point guard Scott Ameen sets a play in a game against Gayle Middle School. Scott's play this year in basketball and soccer have displayed great potential that is sure to benefit James Monroe athletics in future years.

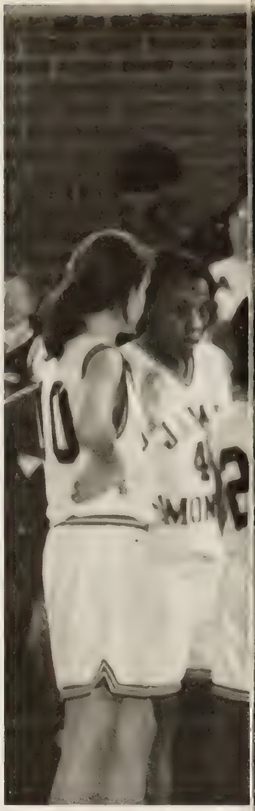
Beaten by the relentless sun, the eighth grade players have forfeited their strength to exhaustion, although only momentarily. They played well, and their hard work paid off with a good record and a promising future.

The eighth grade football team attempts a key goal line stand, all technical aspects are in place. The defensive end is practicing the squat technique, encasing the offenses' means of escape from the linebacker blitz.

Coach Calloway has been known for years to be one of the top tennis coaches in Virginia, and his experience and knowledge are respected by all. His players see the validity in his advice and, therefore, pay attention. The coach's reputation borders on legendary -- it's as if there is an aura about him when he touches a racquet.

In a celebratory moment of post-game hysteria, a thing to which Coach Serbay and his sons are very accustomed, the three gather together in a pervasive feeling of pride: The coach's pride in Jesse and Sammy and theirs in him. Meanwhile, stands have spilled from the fans to flood the field immediately following a Jacket win.

Sometimes it's astonishing to think that the clapping and cheering of the few hundred fans at MauryStadium could amount to the booming roar that often heaves itself into the air there, but hearing Mrs. Laskowski's voice is believing. Her love for the game comes, surely in part from her pride in her son Matt, the center, and she faithfully strains her vocal chords in support of her team.



Five focused eighth grade basketball players confer with Ellen Tifft, their coach, during a stoppage of play. The sincerity of their interest and involvement intensifies the scene, and the flavor of competition is the taste lingering on their tongues.

Delighted to be alive and herself, Megan Epp cannot help showing her happiness. Anyone who knows the volunteer swim team manager has had the good fortune of experiencing the frequency of her smile and could attest that within her deceivingly tiny frame lives a strong love for sports and almost everything else.

In this, her eighth year of coaching James Monroe's field hockey teams, Mrs. Hollibaugh has lost none of the initial spirit and interest with which she began her hockey career. She started playing hockey in 1973, her sophomore year in high school. "My coach was my inspiration -- she got me started and pushed everyone to do well. Losing wasn't an option." This fall, Coach Hollibaugh won her third consecutive district title as well as her hundredth win at JM. One of her main goals in coaching is to encourage everyone to have the same amount of respect for the sport as she had in high school and college. She said if she couldn't coach at JM she wouldn't coach at all. "Hockey at JM is such a tradition. All the kids are so dedicated and everyone does their job because they want to succeed. It's just a big pride thing."

A Tribute

Well, this is the tribute page, but tribute to what? What is it that we all feel is worthy of such blatent and unceasing tribute? Why do those of us who so faithfully participate in sports feel the magnetism to them? Of course there are those among us who play for the glory of being the best, but that's not most. It couldn't be. For most of us the enjoyment comes from some intangible, less obvious origin. Surely it's not the feeling a runner gets as he limps achingly out toward the track through the cold March rain, nor certainly can it be the helpless, rubbery muscle sensation that assails almost all of us at some point or another. The hills, fun-runs, laps, sprints, sit-ups, and other excruciating forms of "practice" are not responsible, either, for the irresistable lure of athletics.

But the players come back in droves each season, accompanied by coaches and, in some cases, zealous managers to whom the sport, or at least the feeling, never grows old. Ms. Marks certainly needs not to worry about finding her sport tiresome for a long while. Her girls' volleyball team made its debut this winter, further heightening the already towering monument of tradition and homage to sports. But why? Again, who can say what spawns such powerful and timeless enthusiasm for sports. Maybe it's the familiar burning of a chlorine-saturated eye that a long-time swimmer cannot give up, or the moist, dank, thick smell of the locker room that greets all male athletes at the beginning of each season. Maybe the crisp, clean, homey feeling of the tennis ball on a racket or the sheer satisfaction of a speeding wide-reciever as he grasps the ball at last. Whatever it is, Stephen Baker, the unofficial manager of the boys' soccer team, who, every day of the year, seeks out a player to taunt lovingly with foul predictions of the team's demise, is one of its ministers. When Stephen's satisfied with the fire he's kindled in his latest victim, his wry laugh echoes, and he walks slowly away. The embers of this fire are not by any means confined to Stephen's beneficiaries, nor can any other boundary be drawn. When the crowd roars, those same passionate flames heat us all, and the mysterious entity to which we pay tribute is most powerful.

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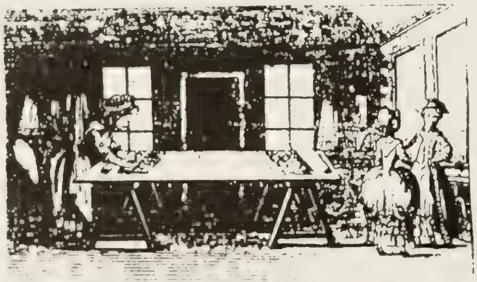

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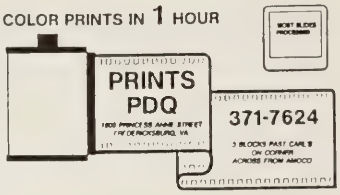
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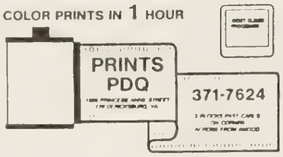
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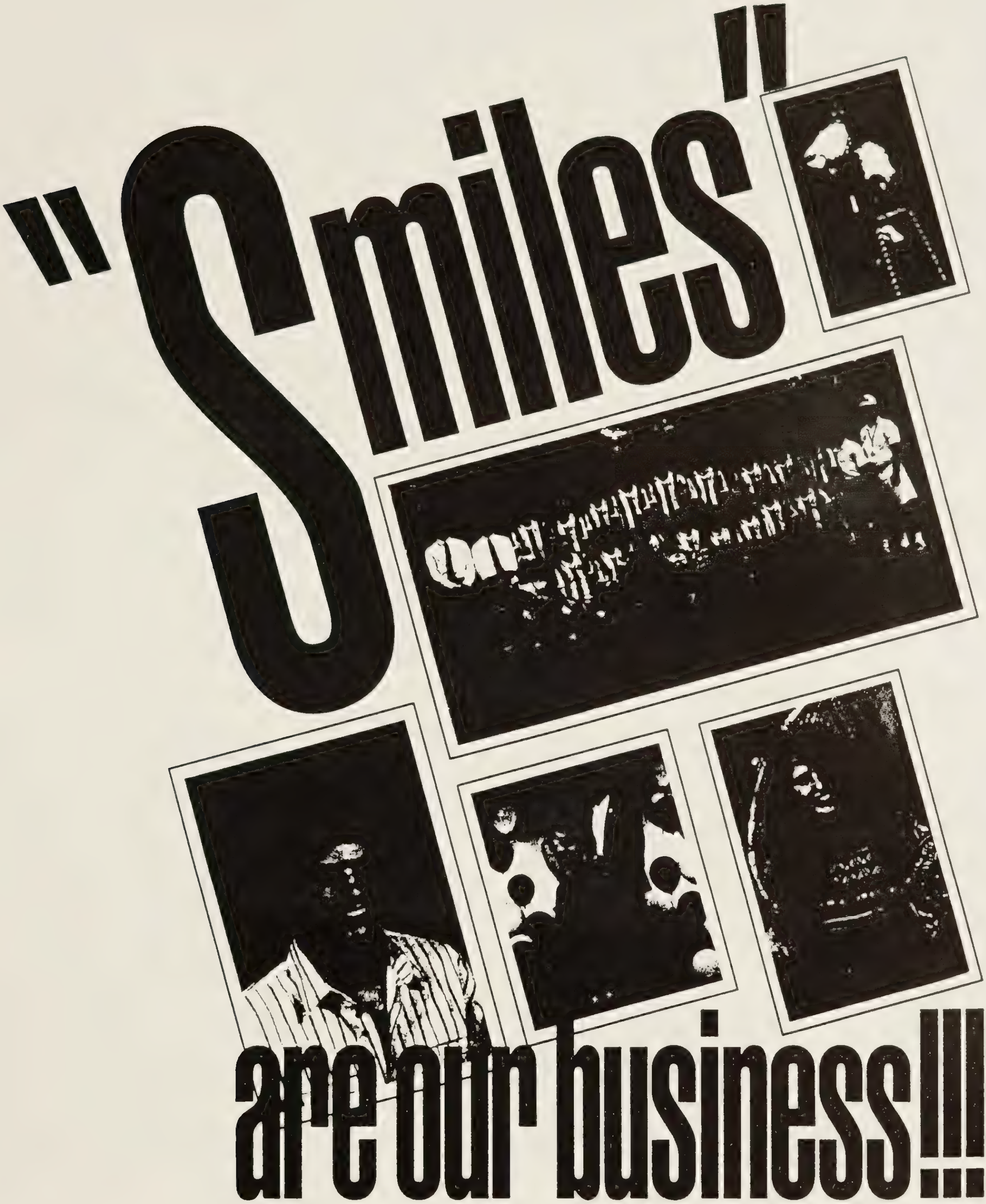
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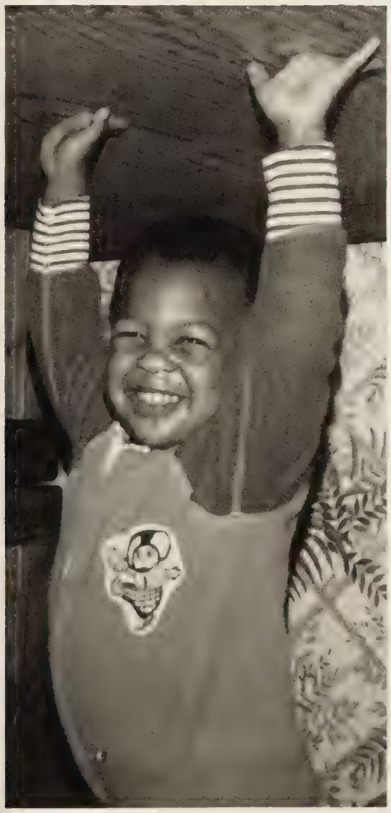

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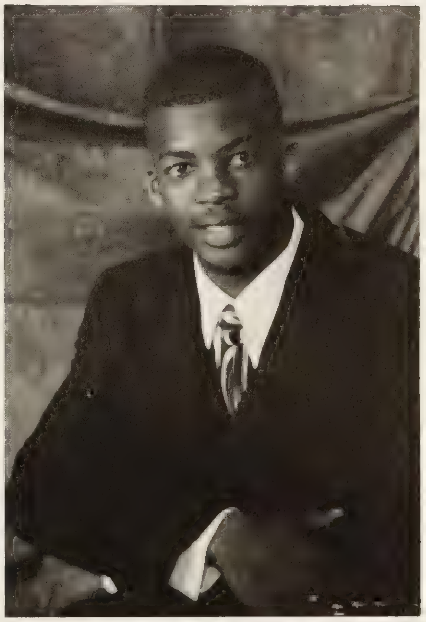

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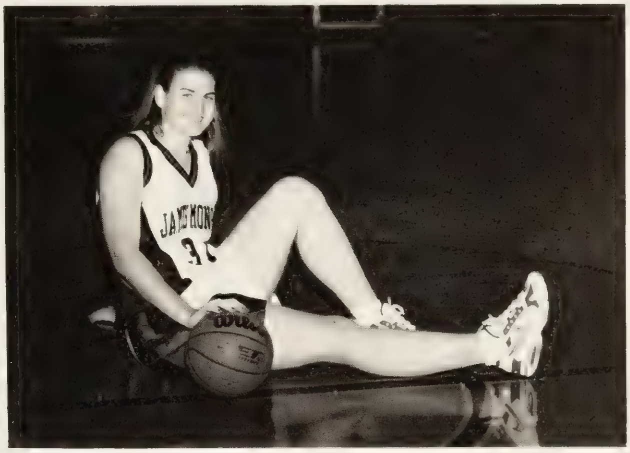

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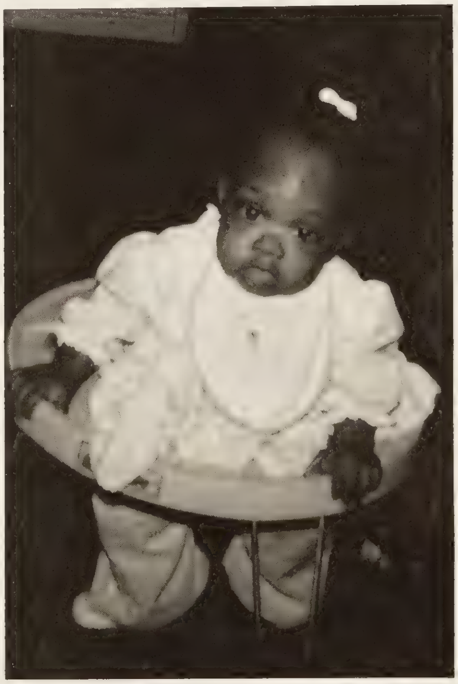

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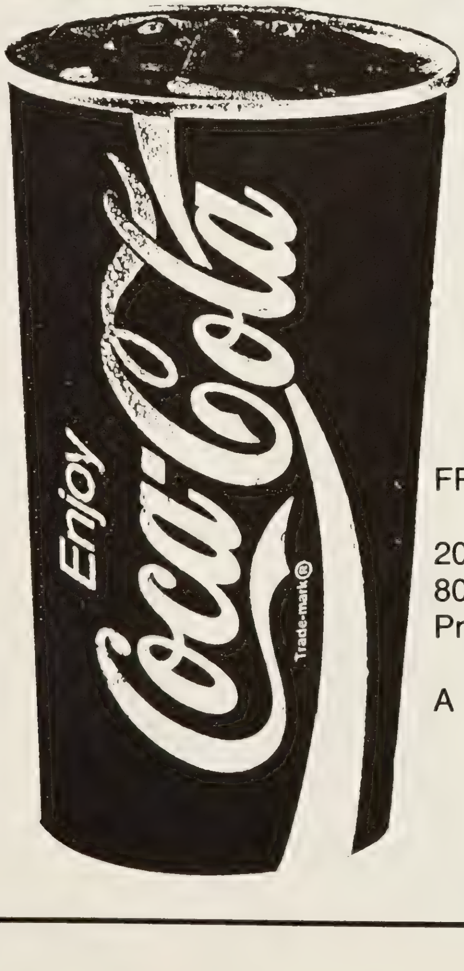

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For most, the end of the 97-98 school year simply means the beginning of a three-month freedom of which they have only been able to daydream for the last nine months as they gazed out the school windows from rigid, solemn desks. That's great. Most will not hesitate to burst gleefully from the school building in June, missing nothing, remembering nothing, and anticipating everything. Maybe they'll skip out of the place like a child from a doctor's office, eyes sparkling with hope and excitement as they relish in the warmth of their first summer moments. In spring, daffodils and dandelions meet tee-shirts and shorts as the time until summer slips away, and we cheer it on. But some of us are aware, maybe only because it's our turn, of the time that dances quickly into summer, and, while we anticipate summer as much as the rest, seniors, if only in a long-forgotten or yet undiscovered corner of their minds, are hesitant. No, not hesitant to say that they "hate school" or even that they "can't wait to graduate", but just a bit hesitant to let it all end. Perhaps, it occurs to them, the feelings of high school and the moments forever embedded in its four-year timeline are now memories locked inside the past. So while we all dream of summer and its wonders, we must never wish our time away, but live an endless summer, for, one day, summer may not mean what it does now. In any case, the school doors, on the afternoon of June 12th, will seem to most to be their last obstacle before they finally are greeted by the fullness of summer's freeing warmth. To others, however, the sentiment may be less absolute. But the same soothing taste of summer air will caress their faces, the same happy, carefree feeling will try to carry them away again, and all will be well.

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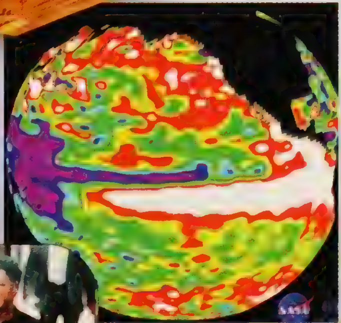

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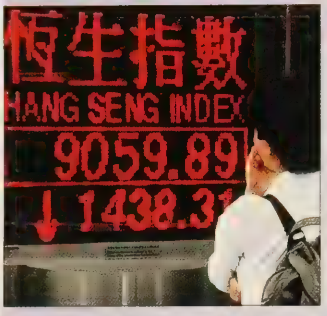

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Asian economic turmoil triggers global unrest. In October, Hong Kong's stock market crashes. Asian countries receive billions in bailout dollars from the International Monetary Fund.

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Hong Kong reverts to China at 12:01 a.m., July 1, after 156 years of British colonial rule. China says Hong Kong will continue its Western way of life and free-market economy.

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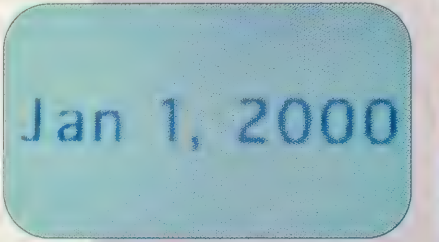
A 15-day school strike in Ontario, Canada, affects 2.1 million students. Late in October, 128,000 teachers walk out to protest a controversial bill that would alter educational funding and centralize government control of education.



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Governments and businesses worldwide race to remedy the "Year 2000" problem. Unless key computer systems are reprogrammed to recognize dates in the new century the world faces the threat of catastrophic failure in critical areas like banking, air safety, public utilities and defense.

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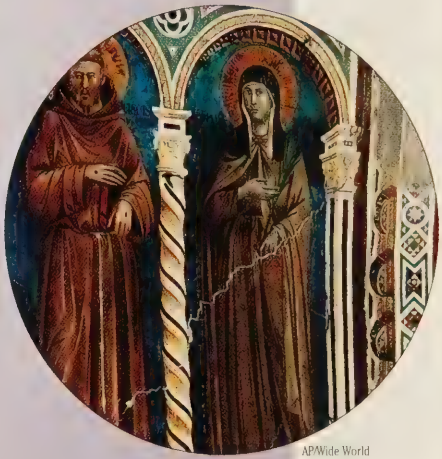
Montserrat, once called "the Emerald Isle of the Caribbean," is devastated by ongoing eruptions from a volcano that had been dormant for 400 years. Two-thirds of the populace evacuates.



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Powerful earthquakes in central Italy kill 11 people and damage art treasures, including centuries-old frescoes by Italian Renaissance painters, in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

flash

Change sweeps Great Britain as Labor Party leader Tony Blair's landslide election in May 1997 ousts the Conservatives and makes Blair, at 44, Britain's youngest prime minister in 185 years.

Hurricane Pauline slams into Mexico's Pacific coast in October, causing flash floods, landslides and at least 200 fatalities. The resort city of Acapulco is heavily damaged.

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The remains of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, martyred Marxist revolutionary, are laid to rest in Cuba in October, 30 years after his execution in Bolivia, where his bones recently had been found.

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After 32 years of autocratic rule, President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire is deposed in May 1997 and later dies in exile. His successor, Laurent Kabila, changes Zaire's name to Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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Halloween fever seizes France. At the base of the Eiffel Tower in Paris 8,000 pumpkins are displayed, and French children participate in an American-style Halloween celebration.

President Jiang Zemin of China meets for summit talks with President Bill Clinton in October, the first visit in 12 years of a Chinese leader to the U.S. During his stay, demonstrators protest China's treatment of Tibet.

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Diana, Princess of Wales, one of the world's most famous and admired women, dies at 36 in a violent car crash in Paris on August 31.

The death of "the people's princess" generates an emotional outpouring of love and grief, evidenced by floral tributes heaped at Diana's Kensington Palace home.

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One of the most poignant images of Diana's funeral: her young sons following her coffin into Westminster Abbey.

At the funeral, Elton John performs "Candle in the Wind 1997," rewritten in tribute to Diana. The recording quickly sells more than 35 million copies, becoming the best-selling single of all time. Sales proceeds benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

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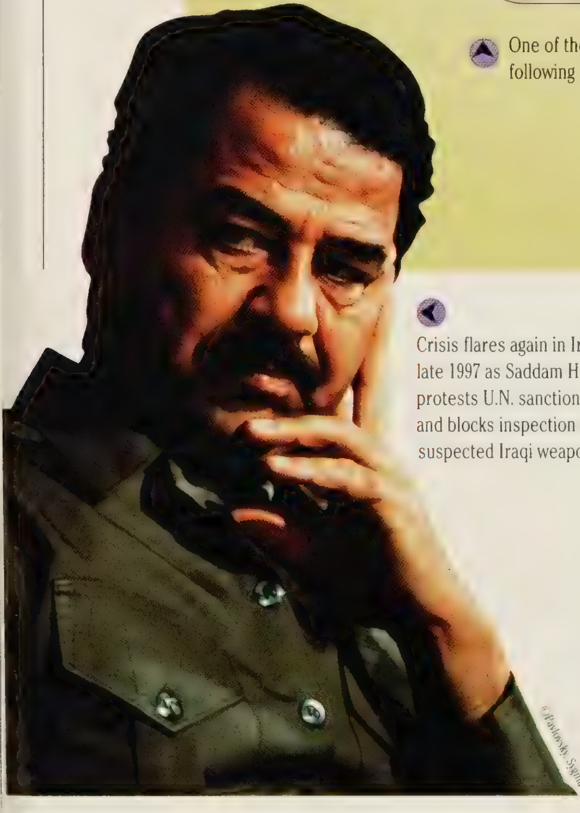
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Crisis flares again in Iraq in late 1997 as Saddam Hussein protests U.N. sanctions and blocks inspection of suspected Iraqi weapon sites.

flash

Floods, drought and mismanagement in North Korea create a severe famine. As many as a million North Koreans die of starvation.

Pope John Paul II visits Communist Cuba in January 1998, the first time a pope has done so. During his five-day visit the pope celebrates public masses and meets privately with President Fidel Castro.

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In June, shortly before Diana's death, an auction of 79 of her evening gowns raises $3.26 million for AIDS and cancer charities. Top price paid for a single gown: $222,500.

National news

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On July 23 suspected murderer Andrew Cunanan, 27, commits suicide in Miami Beach. Cunanan was the prime suspect in a cross-country killing spree that left five dead, including fashion designer Gianni Versace.

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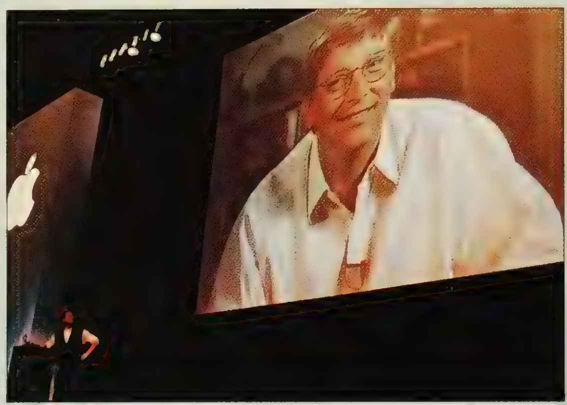
In April 1997, floods ravage the entire Red River Valley between Minnesota and the Dakotas. Ninety percent of downtown Grand Forks, North Dakota, is under water.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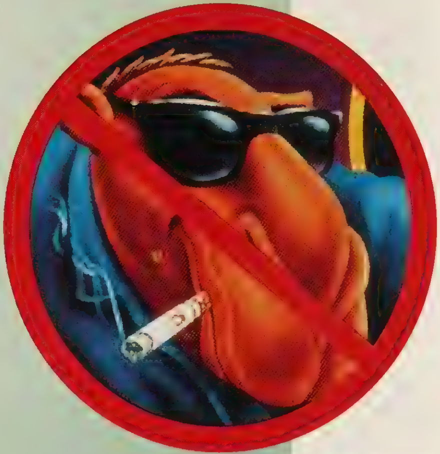
Once-mighty Apple Computer is close to failure when arch-rival Bill Gates of Microsoft "rescues" it with a $150 million bail-out in August. The event opens a new era of cooperation between formerly fierce competitors.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Joe Camel is snuffed out as the Federal Trade Commission bans tobacco advertising aimed at minors and institutes sweeping tobacco advertising restrictions.

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Americans join "Stop the Violence" campaigns nationwide in an attempt to generate awareness of and solutions to the problem of violence in America.

flash

Theodore Kaczynski admits he is the Unabomber responsible for killing 3 people and injuring 29 others in an 18-year bombing campaign. His January 1998 guilty plea spares Kaczynski the death penalty but condemns him to life in prison with no possibility of release.

UPS workers take to the picket lines in an August strike lasting 15 days. The eventual settlement is seen as a major labor victory.

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British nanny Louise Woodward, 19, is convicted in Massachusetts of murdering a child in her care. The judge later reduces the charge to involuntary manslaughter and releases her.

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Timothy McVeigh is convicted of murder and conspiracy in June for the April 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. McVeigh is later sentenced to death.

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First Lt. Kelly Flinn accepts a general discharge from the Air Force, avoiding court-martial for lying about an affair and disobeying orders. Flinn had been the first and only female B-52 pilot in the service.

A rare urban tornado prowls through Miami on May 12, uprooting trees, shattering windows and snapping power lines. Fortunately, the storm inflicts only minor injuries.

Arthur Harvey, The Miami Herald

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Bobbi McCaughey, Carlisle, Iowa, gives birth November 19 to seven babies, the U.S.'s first living septuplets. McCaughey and her husband Kenny now have eight children.

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Terry Nichols is found guilty of conspiracy and manslaughter in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Nichols is spared a federal death sentence in January 1998, but still faces Oklahoma state charges.

Attorney General Janet Reno refuses to name an independent prosecutor to investigate Clinton administration fundraising, causing friction with FBI Director Louis Freeh.

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UFO enthusiasts gather in Roswell, New Mexico, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the alleged UFO crash there in July 1947.

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At the Internet/Online Summit in December, Vice President Al Gore announces government initiatives to protect young Internet users from online pornography.

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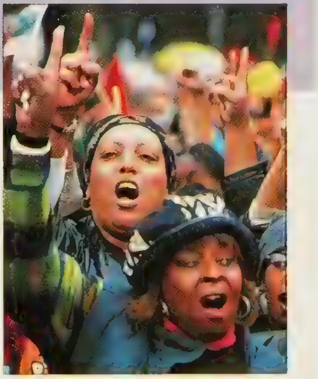
Fast-food giant Burger King is forced to stop serving burgers when supplier Hudson Foods recalls 25 million pounds of hamburger suspected of contamination with *E. coli* bacteria. It is the biggest beef recall in U.S. history.

flash

The all-male Promise Keepers movement inspires praise and controversy for its message of spiritual revival and personal responsibility for men. In October, the group holds a giant rally in Washington, D.C.

Once-secret tape recordings of former presidents Kennedy and Nixon are released publicly. The tapes provide an unvarnished, and sometimes unflattering, glimpse into the two presidents' actions and conversations in the White House.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On October 25, at least 300,000 African-American women gather in Philadelphia for the Million Woman March. Winnie Madikizela-Mandela is one of the speakers.

Science news

NASA

Viewers worldwide see the first-ever high-resolution color pictures of Mars when the *Pathfinder* spacecraft lands July 4. The lander and its rover, Sojourner, collect and transmit extraordinary data for three months.

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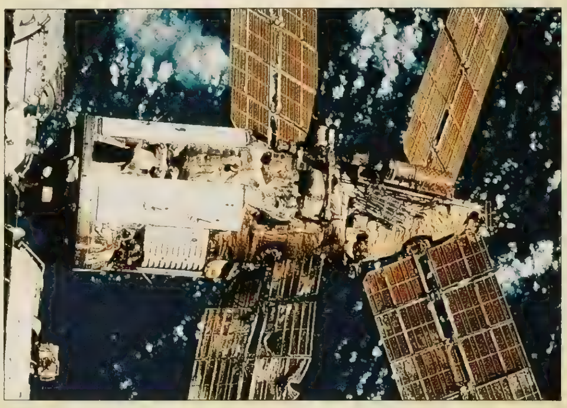
For $8.36 million, Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History buys "Sue," the most complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil yet discovered. The sale occurs October 4 at Sotheby's in New York.


NASA

Russia's aging *Mir* space station collides with an unmanned supply vehicle in June and is seriously damaged. This is only one in a series of crises casting doubt on the viability of the station.

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Scottish scientists in February 1997 announce the world's first cloning of an adult mammal. The sheep, named Dolly, fuels controversy over possible misuse of the technology.

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In September, CAT scans of petrified dinosaur eggs found in China reveal a dinosaur embryo.

flash

Fuel cells that convert a fuel's energy directly into electricity are being developed for use in cars, making possible an efficient, low-emission car of the future.

The first prescription pill for male-pattern baldness is approved by the Food and Drug Administration in December. The drug Propecia is made by Merck and Company.

Ted Horowitz/The Stock Market

Research produces medical breakthroughs, including a genetically engineered "bullet" molecule being tested to fight cancer and new drugs to control or prevent Parkinson's disease, osteoporosis and congestive heart failure.

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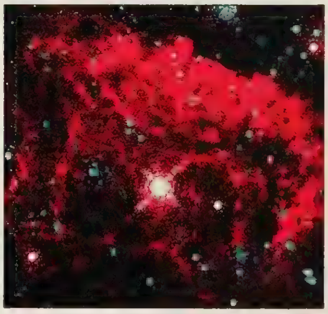
The popular diet regimen fen-phen is pulled off the market in September. The combination of fenfluramine and phentermine is shown to cause heart valve disorders, as is the diet drug Redux, also recalled.


Don F. Figer (UCLA) and NASA

Aided by the Hubble Space Telescope, astronomers discover the Pistol Star—the brightest star yet observed in the Milky Way. The Pistol Star is 25,000 light years from Earth.

Comet Hale-Bopp captures imaginations worldwide as it streaks past Earth for the first time in 4,200 years—or, since 2203 B.C. Hale-Bopp next returns in 4397.

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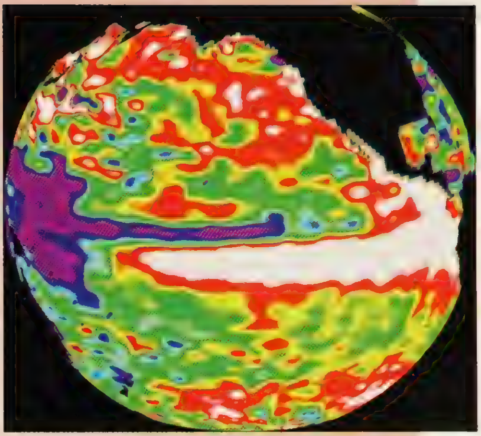
On October 13, the British jet car *Thrust SSC* becomes the first vehicle to break the sound barrier on land, traveling 766.6 miles per hour in the Nevada desert.



Jet Propulsion Laboratory/NASA

El Niño stirs up global weather patterns. Caused by warmer-than-normal water temperatures in the equatorial Pacific, the '97 El Niño is blamed for storms and weather problems worldwide.

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SOLAR FUTURE
THE CHOICE IS OURS
発電の時代が来

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In December, 159 nations gather in Kyoto, Japan, and negotiate a climate treaty to combat global warming by reducing greenhouse gases.

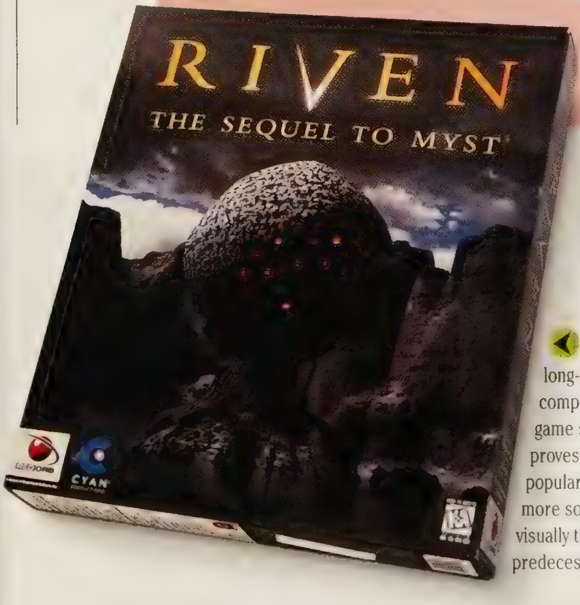
Reuters/Archive Photos

The Food and Drug Administration approves a dental laser for treating cavities. Unlike traditional dental drills, the laser in most cases causes virtually no discomfort.

Premier Laser Systems, Inc.

Reuters/Archive Photos

Protesters unsuccessfully attempt to prevent the October launch of NASA's *Cassini* spacecraft to Saturn, fearing an accident could shower the Earth with the rocket's radioactive plutonium.



Riven, the long-awaited computer adventure game sequel to Myst, proves to be just as popular and even more sophisticated visually than its predecessor.

flash

Hong Kong authorities in December order the slaughter of more than a million chickens in an effort to halt the spread of a bird flu virus that killed six people.

The space shuttle *Columbia* releases the errant *Spartan* satellite in November. U.S. astronaut Winston Scott and Takao Doi, the first Japanese astronaut to do a space walk, retrieve the satellite for return to Earth.

Reuters/Archive Photos

French oceanographer and award-winning filmmaker Jacques Cousteau dies in June at 87. His work gained renown through the popular television series "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau."

Lifestyle news

Fashion advertising and clothing trends inspire the popularity of the color orange, which replaces neon green as the fad color of the year.

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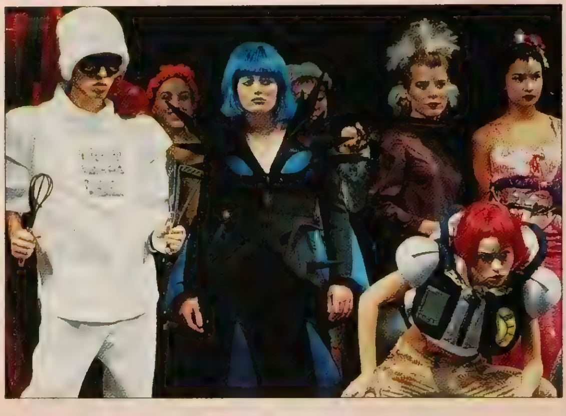
Teen People
Celeb Couples Share Their Love Secrets
Win a new CAR!
His & Hers Horoscopes
The scary new twist on eating disorders
Party of Five's Jennifer Love Hewitt is at the top—and loving it
real teens, real style

Teen People, a savvy monthly magazine for and about teenagers, premieres in February 1998.



AP/Wide World

In October, a cyberfashion show at the M.I.T. Media Lab Wearable Symposium features fashions with built-in computer devices and electronic hardware. M.I.T. students designed the high-tech fashions.

DIANA
PRINCESS OF WALES
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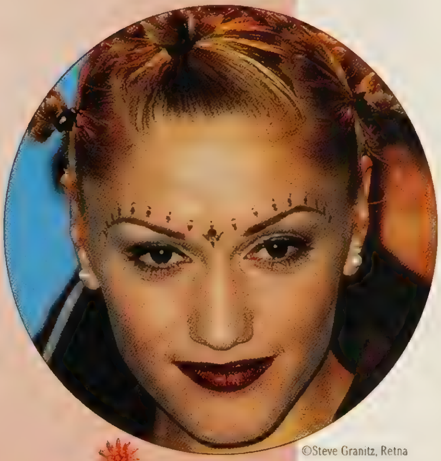
Princess Diana tribute merchandise abounds, including a double CD set and a new Beanie Baby named Princess, a royal purple bear adorned with a rose. Profits benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.



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Fashion looks to the Far East. The stick-on bindi, a tiny decorative accent worn in the middle of the forehead, is popularized by Gwen Stefani, lead singer of the band No Doubt.

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Nike introduces a new "I Can" advertising campaign on New Year's Day. The company does not plan to abandon its "Just Do It" slogan, introduced in 1985, which will continue to appear on T-shirts and posters.

Diet Scent Patches are introduced in June by Slimline, a British company. Designed to help people diet successfully, the small arm stickers produce an unpleasant odor to discourage the wearer from eating sweets.

This year's look in cosmetics is glimmering, sparkling and colorful. Riding this wave, cosmetics giant Christian Dior introduces Mascara Flash, temporary hair color in a variety of outrageous tints.

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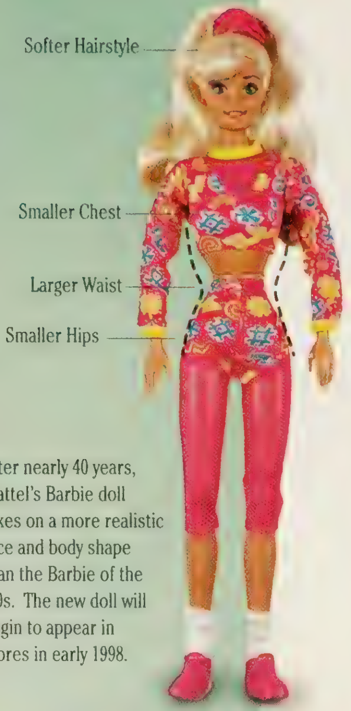
Platform shoes, a fashion statement during the disco '70s, make a style comeback in a big way in 1997, inspiring even platform sneakers.

AP/Wide World

"Two Fat Ladies" becomes the Food Network's hottest new cooking show in the U.S., attracting fans with its unconventional British stars, two overweight, middle-aged women.

The Chevrolet Corvette is named *Motor Trend* magazine's 1998 Car of the Year.

General Motors


Softer Hairstyle
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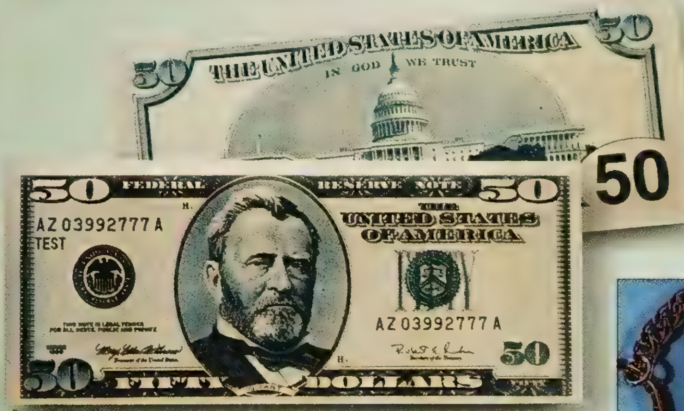
Smaller Hips

After nearly 40 years, Mattel's Barbie doll takes on a more realistic face and body shape than the Barbie of the '60s. The new doll will begin to appear in stores in early 1998.

AP/Wide World

Mattel introduces Share a Smile Becky in May 1997. Seated in a bright pink wheelchair, the doll is marketed as a friend to the traditional Barbie.

A new $50 bill featuring a larger, off-center portrait of President Ulysses S. Grant is unveiled in October. Design details make the bill more difficult to forge.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Digital "pets" are a 1997 toy craze. These virtual critters keep their owners busy by beeping when they need care or feeding. If ignored, they "die."

Karl Steinbrenner

Mehndi, intricate designs painted on the body with henna dye, is a popular expression of the fashion trend toward Eastern themes and patterns.

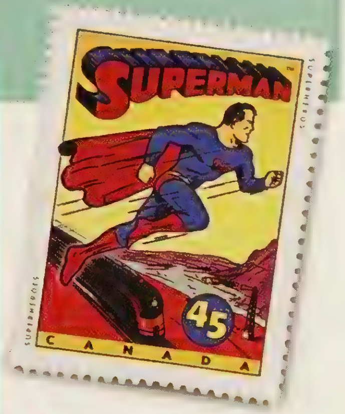
MONOPOLY
CD-ROM
RISK
The Game of Global Domination
Boggle
5 Explosive Word Search Games
SCRABBLE
BATTLESHIP

Popular board games appear on CD-ROM in ever-growing numbers, including interactive favorites Monopoly, Scrabble, Sorry, Risk and Boggle.

flash

As many as 700 school districts nationwide teach "emotional intelligence," aiming to develop children's values and people skills as well as their minds.

Beepers are a status symbol and a lifestyle must-have for many teens juggling school, jobs and after-school activities. More than 40 million beepers are carried in the U.S., an estimated 25 percent of them by people between the ages of 12 and 24. In some schools, beepers are forbidden as disruptive.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SUPERHEROES

Canada issues a Superhero postage stamp series that includes a 45-cent stamp featuring the colorful, comic-book image of Superman.

Entertainment news

ABC from the Kobal Collection

ABC's gritty police drama "NYPD Blue" remains one of the most popular one-hour dramas on television in 1997, capturing four Emmy Awards.

AP/Wide World

Comedian Chris Farley dies at 33 of a drug overdose on December 18. He starred in NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and movies including *Tommy Boy* and *Beverly Hills Ninja*.

The Lost World, Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* sequel, breaks summer box-office records everywhere. It earns $229 million in the U.S.

Universal Studios, Inc., from Shooting Star

Columbia/Mandalay from the Kobal Collection

Horror films draw teenagers to the box office. *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt and Sarah Michelle Gellar, is one of the year's biggest attractions.

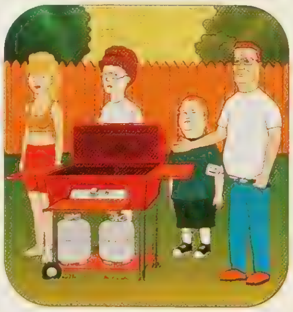
Gino Mifsud, Shooting Star

Jerry Seinfeld, creator and star of the NBC hit "Seinfeld," announces in December that the 1997-1998 season is the show's last. The final episode airs in May, ending the popular show's nine-year run.

flash

In its second season, the WB's campy sitcom "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" blossoms into a huge favorite with many viewers.

Jenny McCarthy stars in a new fall NBC comedy "Jenny" that, in January 1998, goes into hiatus only a few months into its first season. McCarthy had been an MTV personality before moving to the network.


Fox from Shooting Star

Fox network launches "King of the Hill," an animated show that focuses on the lives of a propane dealer from Texas and his family. The show goes on to become a smash hit.

Dimension Films from the Kobal Collection

Scream 2, the chilling hit sequel to *Scream*, is a wildly successful mix of carnage and comedy starring Neve Campbell, Jerry O'Connell, Tori Spelling, Jada Pinkett and a host of other stars.

Dreamworks Pictures from Shooting Star

Critically acclaimed *Amistad*, directed by Steven Spielberg, tells the story of an 1839 slave ship mutiny. The film culminates years of effort by producer Debbie Allen to bring the story to life.

Religion is a common theme on eight fall-season network TV shows inspired by the success of CBS's "Touched by an Angel" starring Roma Downey, Della Reese and John Dye. New programs include ABC's "Nothing Sacred" and "Teen Angel."

CBS Entertainment from Shooting Star

AP/Wide World

Star Wars captures a new generation of fans when George Lucas re-releases the film trilogy 20 years after the first film was shown. In Washington, D.C., the National Air and Space Museum mounts a huge exhibition of now-historic *Star Wars* artifacts.

Titanic is a huge critical and box-office success. The movie event of the year, this $200 million picture is the most costly in history. After 45 days in the theaters, *Titanic* had earned $308 million.

Fox/Paramount from Shooting Star

AP/Wide World

Michael Flatley's pulsating show "Lord of the Dance" fuels the extraordinary popularity of Irish dance. The show tours 15 cities in the U.S. through October.

In the fall, Fox debuts "Ally McBeal," a comedy/drama starring Calista Flockhart as a young Boston attorney. The show captures a Golden Globe Award in January 1998 for best series/musical or comedy.

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Paramount from Shooting Star

Matt Damon stars as an attorney in *The Rainmaker*, a movie based on the John Grisham novel. Damon's successes also include the film *Good Will Hunting*.

Columbia Tristar from Shooting Star

Summer blockbuster *Men in Black* grosses more than $500 million worldwide to become 1997's biggest hit. The sci-fi comedy stars Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

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***The Wonderful World of Disney* presents its adaptation of "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" on ABC, starring Brandy as Cinderella and Whitney Houston as the Fairy Godmother.**

***Tomorrow Never Dies*, starring Pierce Brosnan as 007, is a holiday box-office hit and confirms the enduring popularity of James Bond movies.**

AP/Wide World

The 1997 season premiere episode of "ER" is broadcast live and draws 42.7 million viewers for NBC, including those who watch it on a giant screen in Times Square.

Music News

AP/Wide World

Jamie Reid, Retna

Chumbawamba's hit single "Tubthumping" brings long-awaited success to this British band. The song becomes popular at pro sports events, kicking off games for several teams.

Rap artist the Notorious B.I.G. is killed in a March 1997 drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. He is posthumously awarded MTV's 1997 Best Rap Video Award for "Hypnotize" and is named *Spin* magazine's Artist of the Year.

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Fiona Apple, 20, one of rock's female superstars, is named MTV's Best New Artist in a Video. Her single "Criminal" soars to the top of the charts.

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With their hit single "MMMBop," three young brothers from Tulsa become one of the biggest breakthrough acts of 1997 as the band Hanson.

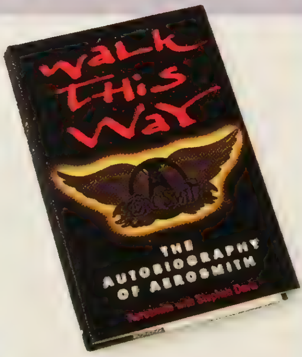
Lilith Fair, an all-female summer rock concert, draws large crowds on its 37-stop tour. Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan masterminds the festival and releases a hit album, *Surfacing*.

flash

Drummer Bill Berry leaves R.E.M. after 17 years with the popular rock group. R.E.M. plans to continue as a trio.

Kenny G. enters the *Guinness Book of World Records* for holding the longest musical note—45 minutes, 47 seconds—on his saxophone.

Country music superstar Garth Brooks releases *Sevens*, his first album in two years. The album sells 800,000 copies the first week.



Walk This Way: The Autobiography of Aerosmith chronicles the long career of the band notorious for its excesses in the '70s and '80s. The group's new album *Nine Lives* is nominated for a 1998 Grammy.

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Smash Mouth popularizes a genre of alternative rock known as neo-ska with its hit single "Walkin' on the Sun" and debut album *Fush Yu Mang*.

British pop phenomenon, the Spice Girls, makes millions with mega-hits such as "Wannabe" and sells 14 million albums and 10 million singles.

Ron Davis, Shooting Star

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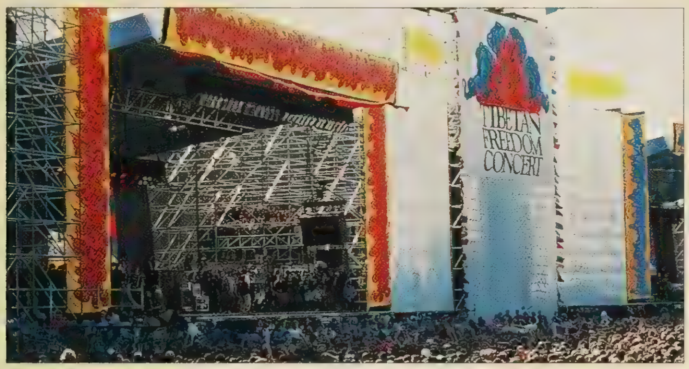
Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys engineers the second Tibetan Freedom Concert, held in June in New York, offering 27 music acts and a free-Tibet political message.



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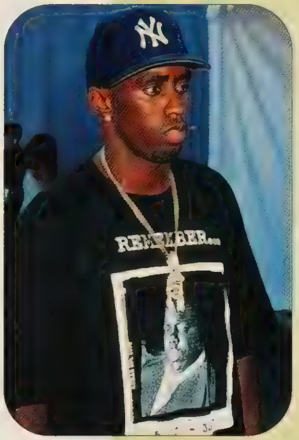
Third Eye Blind, after several years in San Francisco's underground music scene, goes big time in 1997. Their song "Semi-Charmed Life" is listed as the top-selling modern rock single for 1997 in *Billboard* magazine.



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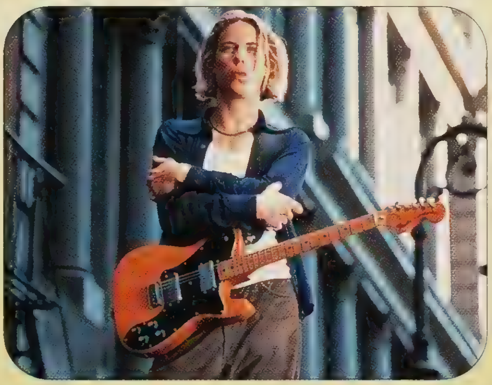
The album *No Way Out* by Puff Daddy & the Family goes multiplatinum. Puffy's single "I'll Be Missing You," an elegy to his friend the Notorious B.I.G., also tops the charts.

Sixteen-year-old R&B phenom Jonny Lang opens for the Rolling Stones' fall tour and spends 16 weeks at No. 1 on *Billboard*'s blues chart with his album *Lie to Me*.



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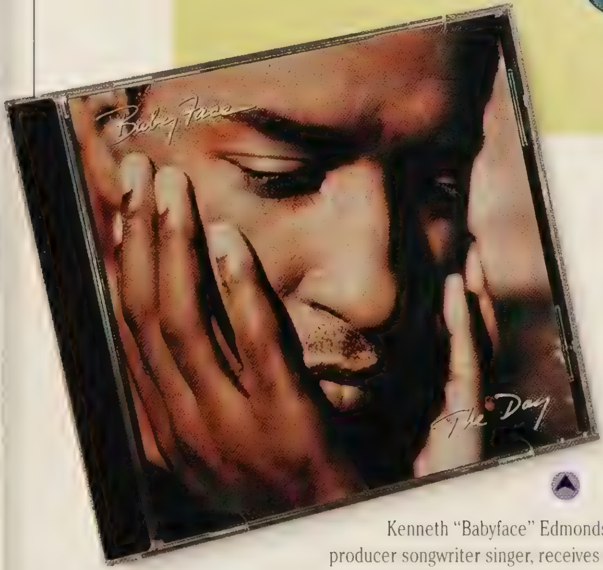
At 15, country music sensation LeAnn Rimes sells more than 12.5 million recordings in the U.S. in 1997 and is named *Billboard* Music Awards Artist of the Year. Her single "How Do I Live" is one of the year's best sellers.



Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, superstar producer songwriter singer, receives more 1998 Grammy nominations than any other artist, including one for his album *The Day*. Edmonds and wife Tracey also produce the film *Soul Food* in 1997.

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Metallica releases a seventh album, *Re-Load*, that confirms its position as the premier heavy-metal band in the music world.

Radiohead is *Spin* magazine's Band of the Year. Critics praise Radiohead's album *OK Computer*, variously described as haunting, revolting, inscrutable, stunning and gorgeous. The album receives a 1998 Grammy nomination for Rock/Pop Album of the Year.

Sports News

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In July, 16-year-old Swiss tennis star Martina Hingis becomes the youngest Wimbledon champion since 1887. Hingis wins three of the four 1997 Grand Slam events.

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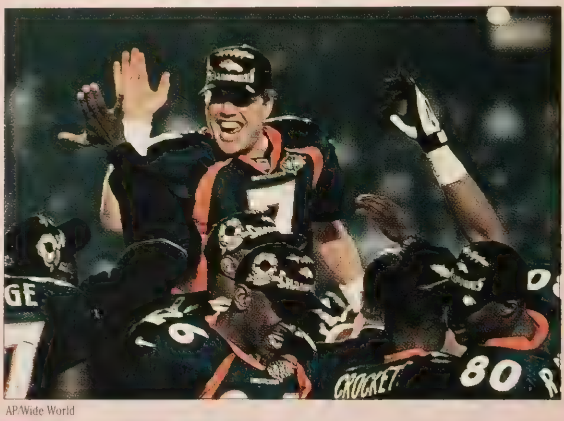
The Florida Marlins are baseball's 1997 World Series champs and the first team ever to win the Series without winning its league pennant. The Marlins defeat the Cleveland Indians in seven games.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Quarterback John Elway leads the Denver Broncos to a 31-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXII in San Diego, January 25, 1998. It is Elway's first Super Bowl win in four appearances.

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Mike Tyson bites off part of Evander Holyfield's ear and is disqualified in the WBA Heavyweight rematch in June 1997. Tyson is fined nearly $3 million and his boxing license is revoked.

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Tiger Woods, 21, becomes the youngest golfer ever to win the Masters Tournament. His 18-under-par score sets a Masters record. Woods wins 3 other tournaments and sets a PGA Tour earnings record of $2.1 million for the season.

AP/Wide World

Pittsburgh Penguins' Mario Lemieux retires in April 1997 after a spectacular comeback from Hodgkin's disease and injury. Lemieux is elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in September.

Sports Illustrated women sport
HOOP WARS
DOES WOMEN'S BOXING HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE?
MIA HAMM
the best soccer player in the world

In April 1997, the premier issue of *Sports Illustrated Women* hits the newsstands. The magazine reflects the explosive growth of female participation in sports.

flash

Swedish golfing phenomenon Annika Sorenstam, 26, tops the LPGA earnings list in 1997 with a record $1,236,789.

Professional sports salaries keep skyrocketing. One of the most publicized of 1997 is Kevin Garnett's $126 million contract to play basketball for the Minnesota Timberwolves.

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Charles Woodson, Michigan's versatile junior cornerback, becomes the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy, awarded in December.

Jeff Gordon, at 26, wins the 1997 NASCAR Winston Cup, his second Winston Cup point title in three years. Gordon's 1997 points total 4,710.

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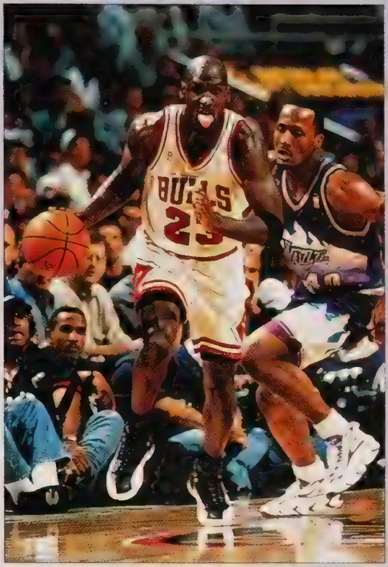
Scott Cunningham, NBA/Allsport



The Chicago Bulls beat the Utah Jazz in June 1997 for their fifth NBA championship in seven years. Michael Jordan is chosen Finals MVP a record fifth time.

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Nagano, Japan, hosts the 1998 Winter Olympic Games during February. Three new medal sports make their Olympic debut: curling, snowboarding and women's ice hockey.

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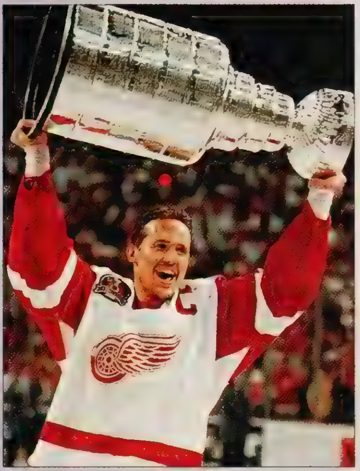

Detroit Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman powers his team to the 1997 Stanley Cup championship, its first in 42 years, by sweeping the Philadelphia Flyers in four games.

When the college football season ends, two teams share the national championship. Michigan (12-0) is named No. 1 by the sports writers' poll, and Nebraska (13-0) by the coaches' poll.

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In its debut season, the WNBA exceeds all league expectations for success. The Houston Comets' championship win over the New York Liberty caps the 1997 season.

flash

Women officiate in an all-male professional sports league for the first time. The pioneers, Dee Kanter and Violet Palmer, are referees in the NBA.

Mark McGwire, of the St. Louis Cardinals, slams 52 homers in 1996 and 58 in 1997. McGwire becomes only the second player in baseball history with back-to-back, 50-home-run seasons, the other being Babe Ruth.

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Dean Smith, winningest coach in college basketball history, retires in October after 36 seasons at North Carolina. *Sports Illustrated* names him 1997 Sportsman of the Year.

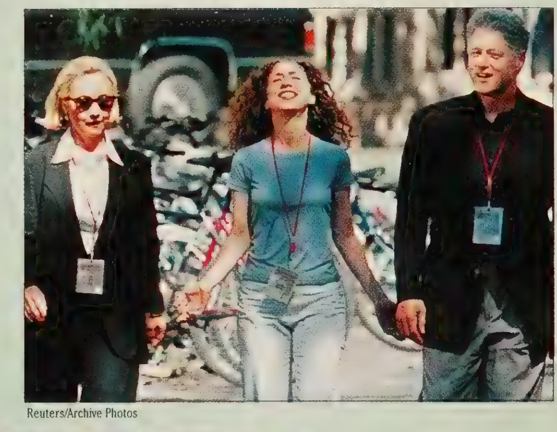
Faces news

Reuters/Archive Photos

Miss Illinois, Katherine Shindle, is crowned Miss America 1998. For the first time in its 77-year history the pageant allows contestants to wear two-piece swimsuits in competition.

Shooting Star

Beloved actor Jimmy Stewart dies in July at 89. Stewart's enduring nice-guy popularity is exemplified by *It's a Wonderful Life*, his 1946 movie that is now an American cultural icon.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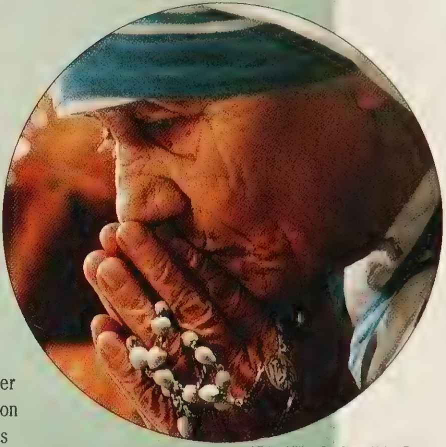
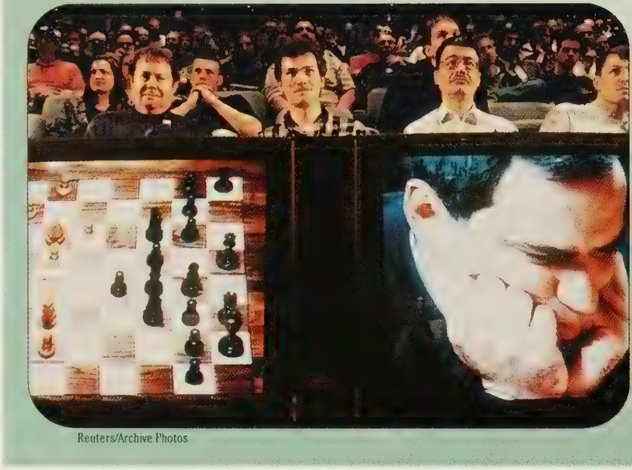
Chelsea Clinton begins her freshman year at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. Despite security measures, she reportedly will lead as normal a college life as possible.


J.T. MacMillan, San Diego Union-Tribune

Roman Catholic nun Mother Teresa of Calcutta dies September 5 at the age of 87. Revered for a lifetime of helping the poorest of the poor, her many honors include the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.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For the first time, a computer beats a world chess champion when IBM's Deep Blue beats Russian Garry Kasparov in a six-game match in May 1997.

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American Jody Williams and the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines are awarded the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize in October. The U.S. and China refuse to sign an international treaty that would ban land mines.

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Ted Turner, vice chairman of the Time Warner media empire, pledges $1 billion to United Nations programs. It is the largest single gift in philanthropic history.

flash

Former leader of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev films a TV commercial for Pizza Hut. He reportedly earns $1 million for the appearance, money he plans to use to benefit his Gorbachev Foundation.

Singer John Denver dies in October at 53 when the experimental plane he is piloting crashes into California's Monterey Bay.

Weight Watchers
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Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, appears in ads as a spokesperson for Weight Watchers International. She is the former wife of England's Prince Andrew.

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